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Fast action sought on war crimes bill

By PAUL LUNGEN

OTTAWA —

Major Jewish organizations last week applauded federal Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn for introducing a bill to allow for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals living in Canada.

But they also urged the government and opposition parties to pass the legislation prior to Parliament's summer recess, which begins this week. "(Canadian Jewish) Congress urges the early passage of the bill into law," said Dorothy Reitman, president of Congress.

"Time is of the essence," said David Matas, senior legal counsel of B'nai B'rith Canada. "It is crucial that the legislation be passed without delay." (The CJN went to press prior to a vote on the bill.)

Opposition justice critics Robert Kaplan of the Liberal Party and Svend Robinson of the New Democrats also called for swift passage of the bill, which affects war crimes and crimes against humanity committed outside Canada if the alleged acts would also be criminal by Canadian law.

"Canada has a shameful history of having slammed the door on Jews who attempted to flee Nazi Germany and of having failed to take action against those who perpetrated the great crimes of the Holocaust. Every day that passes is a day lost," said Robinson.

Kaplan, who said the bill "looks like it will achieve its purpose," said committee hearings to discuss it should be shelved and a committee of the whole (all members of the House) should vote on it.

Though Kaplan said he was satisfied with the bill, he suggested it could be improved by allowing any of the 10 provincial attorneys-general to prosecute war criminals, not just the federal attorney general.

And Frank Chalk, Quebec regional chairman of B'nai B'rith, expressed concern that terms of the bill that permit prosecution against citizens of states at war with Canada would make it unfeasible to prosecute members of the Romanian Iron Guard, The CJN's David Lazarus reports.

The legislation limits prosecution to citizens of states in armed conflict with Canada. Romania might be classified as a neutral state as late as December 1941 by which time two-thirds of Romanian Jewry had been wiped out, Chalk said.

Despite the suggested improvements and the calls to implement it quickly,

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"Cruel insult," protesters say

Pope blesses Waldheim

ROME (JTA) —

Austrian President Kurt Waldheim received a blessing and was praised as a man of peace by Pope John Paul II at the Vatican last week.

Meanwhile, on the fringe of St. Peters Square, sealed off for security, several hundred demonstrators protested bitterly against the presence in the Vatican of the man accused of complicity in Nazi atrocities and the papal honors bestowed upon him.

Waldheim's visit, his first trip abroad since his election nearly a year ago, aroused anger and dismay among Jews all over the world.

The Pope's decision to receive him was sharply criticized by ranking members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States and Europe and by Protestant church leaders.

The Italian government dissociated itself from the Papal invitation and pointedly ignored Waldheim's presence on Italian soil.

The reaction of Jewish leaders in the U.S. were blunt. "A cruel insult to the memory of the victims of Nazism," is how Burt Levinson, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, put it.

"This is no less than a whitewash of an international figure who has been accused of complicity in the Holocaust," declared Rabbi Gilbert Klapperman, president of the Synagogue Council of America, the umbrella organization of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews in the U.S.

"How is one to explain so profound an insensitivity to the meaning of the Holocaust, so painful a failure of the moral imagination, by the custodian of Catholic conscience?", Theodore Mann, president of the American Jewish Congress, asked in an open letter to the Pope.

American Jewish leaders also made it clear the Pope's action placed in doubt, at best, their scheduled meeting with him Sept. 11 in Miami during his visit to the U.S. Some declared flatly that they would not participate.

Waldheim was greeted at the Vatican with all of the pomp and ceremony due a visiting head of state. Waldheim, accompanied by his wife Elizabeth, appered flushed with pleasure and emotion as he was met at the Vatican gates and reviewed a rank of colorfully uniformed Swiss Guard, their rifles held at the present-arms position.

Austrian President Kurt Waldheim meets Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. [AP Wirephoto]

A brass band played the Austrian and Vatican anthems.

He was escorted to the Pope's private library for a 30-minute audience. Afterwards, in a formal address, the Pope praised Waldheim for his work as a two-term secretary general of the United Nations and as president of Austria.

"Your activity up till now in your international life as a diplomat and as the foreign minister of your country, as well as your activity at the United Nations, has always been dedicated to securing peace among all nations. As the highest representative of the Austrian people, your professional life experience in this field can be of service to your highly regarded country," the Pope said.

He also paid tribute to Austria, which, he said, has "played a free, democratic and responsible role in world affairs" since World War II.

Replying, Waldheim stressed the Pope's role as "a recognized moral authority and conscience of the world." He added, "I can assure Your Holiness that I appreciate in all its significance the high value of this encounter."

There was no reference, nor could any be expected, to Waldheim's war-

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Spate of incidents brings new tensions

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Following a weekend of terrorist incidents and Jewish-Arab recriminations, Israel and the administered territories were tense.

A Haifa-area woman, Hadassah Schechter, 28, had her left foot mangled Saturday, necessitating amputation. She stepped on an explosive charge buried in the sand at Carmel Beach. Her 7-year-old son was slightly injured by the blast.

On Sunday, an Arab was fatally shot and five Arabs and a border policeman were wounded at Ibadiya village in the West Bank east of Bethlehem during a confrontation between the Israelis and villagers who suspected the survey was preparatory to expropriation to enlarge Jewish settlements.

On Friday, five persons, three of them minors, were remanded in custody in connection with the firebombing of an apartment occupied by Arabs in Ramat Amidar, a suburb of Ramat Gan, near Tel Aviv. There have been two arson incidents and several physical attacks on Arab workers in the neighborhood, which is near Bar Ilan University.

Also on Friday, an Israel Defence Force soldier, hitchhiking to his base near Netanya, was attacked by two men who gave him a lift. He managed to fight them off but suffered a leg injury when he fell out of the car and was struck by it.

Police believe the assailants intended to steal the soldier's weapon, not kidnap him. It is not known whether they were Arabs or Jews. The car had been stolen earlier in Kfar Saba.

Emotions ran high at Ramat Amidar. Bar Ilan students claimed the trouble stemmed from a "neighborhood quarrel." Residents interviewed by Israel Radio, said it appeared to be a clear case of racism.

But the Residents Committee complained Arabs were responsible for the tension because they lived 10-to-a-room and allegedly brought drugs and prostitutes to their homes.

Rabbi Meir Kahane and members of his extremist Kach Party tried to visit the neighborhood, but were ordered by police to stay away.

A planned visit by MK Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement was called off at the request of police. Israeli Arab students at Bar Ilan and Arab workers from West Bank rent apartments in Ramat Amidar. Three were injured in the arson attack last week, requiring hospitalization.

Meanwhile, Arab mayors in the Bethlehem area protested plans to drill a well near Herodion, southwest of Jerusalem, claiming it will deplete the Arabs' water supply.

They said that for the past 10 years Jewish settlements have drawn off disproportionate amounts of water while Arab communities usually are turned down when they apply to drill new wells.

Peres goes to Europe to push for peace talks

By JTA

Israel Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, continuing his efforts to rally support for an international peace conference on the Middle East, took his campaign to Britain, France and West Germany last week.

But on the eve of his departure, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir declared that "nobody takes the idea . . . seriously nowadays."

Asked why he had not stopped Peres from canvassing for an idea which the government had not approved, Shamir said with a trace of irony: "Peres is the foreign minister. How could I dream of forcing him to stay at home under house arrest?"

In reply to another questioner, Shamir said: "The whole world knows that Israel has not decided to go to an international conference and that, hence, nobody can commit Israel to attend one. So nothing more need be said."

Shamir said that, no matter where Peres goes, he cannot commit Israel to a "deadend proposal."

He said that just because the Arabs have not yet accepted the principle of direct peace talks, that does not mean that Israel should discard the principle. "We are, after all, 50% of the Middle East dispute," he said.

In London, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher backed a conference as "the most practical way forward" to peace talks.

And in Paris, French President Francois Mitterand who also supported the idea, is reported to have said that France will do whatever it can to help the peace process.

Following Peres' arrival in Bonn, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said the European Community should work for peace in the Middle East. The two leaders appealed to the USSR to join those efforts.

The two million Jews and the same number of Germans in the USSR should be allowed to return to their homelands if that is their desire, Kohl added.

Meanwhile, Labor Party MK Abba Eban expressed the hope that the United States will explore with the Soviet Union the possibility of Moscow's participation in an international conference on the Middle East.

"Disappointment" on schools ruling

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress expressed "disappointment" at last week's Supreme Court of Canada decision not to grant Jewish schools in Ontario the right to government funding.

Ontario Region chairman Charles Zaionz said the court made "a very narrow decision and dealt not at all with our presentation." The court confined itself to the narrower issue of extended funding for Catholic schools under Ontario's Bill 30, he noted, and did not deal with Congress' submission that if Catholic schools receive funds, so, too, should Jewish schools.

Instead, the court "sent it back to the politicians, telling them not to ask (the court) to make laws," he said.

In its submissions to the Supreme Court, and prior to that to the Ontario Court of Appeal, Congress argued that equality provisions under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms required the government to fund Jewish schools if it extended funding to grades 11-13 of the Catholic schools, as it proposed under Bill 30.

However the court choose not to address that issue. In a 7-0 decision, it ruled that the provisions of the Charter do not override the constitutional bargain arrived at in 1867.

"The protection of minority religious rights was a major preoccupation during the negotiation leading to Confederation because of the perceived danger of leaving the religious minorities in both Canada

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Vacation time

It's July — and almost vacation time for The CJN staff.

We close down this year the last two weeks of July, which means there will be no issues on July 30 and Aug. 6.

As is customary, our Aug. 13 issue will carry a review of the major news events which occurred during the vacation period.

Editorial deadline for the Aug. 13 issue is Wednesday noon, Aug. 5.

World-National

Spy case put Circassians on the map

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Recent events have brought to the attention of the wider public a group in Israel which until then was little known. They are the Circassians who dwell in the lower Galilee and who, like the Arabs, Christians, Druze and Baha'is form a distinct ethnic and religious minority in the country.

Rabbi Plaut

The reason for this sudden interest in the Circassians stems from an unfortunate event. Some years ago a member of the group who served in the IDF (Israel Defence Force), an officer by the name of Izat Nafsu, was convicted of charges of espionage and sentenced to long-term imprisonment. However, Nafsu always protested his innocence and claimed that his conviction was based on a confession which was forcibly extracted from him by the Israel Security Service (commonly referred to as Shin Bet). The case gained renewed prominence in the wake of mounting complaints that the Shin Bet has often used impermissible means in its investigations, but any public inquiry into its methods has been hampered because the agency occupies a privileged position and generally operates under a veil of strictest secrecy.

Conviction flawed

Still, there was sufficient evidence that Nafsu's conviction was badly flawed and he was consequently offered a judicial pardon — which he proudly refused. He wanted his innocence attested and therefore wanted no pardon for an offence he did not commit. In time, Israel's Supreme Court did order his release, and Nafsu has returned to his village, a vindicated man. In the process, Israelis have once again had reason to ask: Who are Nafsu's people? They live among us, yet we hardly know them.

There are probably about half a million of them in the world today. The majority live in the Russian Caucasus and in Turkish Anatolia. Known also as Cherkess they are mostly Sunni Muslims and for many centuries were famed as warriors and administrators whose services were utilized by various rulers in the Middle East. The Mamluks absorbed some of the Circassian tribes, and their military prowess halted the Mongol invasion from central Asia in the 13th century. The decisive battle took place in the Valley of Jezreel.

True blue reputation

In the 19th century the Turkish sultan sent some 30,000 Circassians to Transjordan to guard the desert frontier. They settled there and some of them founded villages also west of the Jordan, in today's Israel. To this day the Kingdom of Jordan has a sizable Circassian minority in its borders, while Israel has about 3,000. They live primarily in three villages, the largest of which is Kafr Kama with about 1,800 people.

Circassians have a reputation of strong loyalty to the land in which they dwell. While in the early days of the Jewish state they were exempted from service in the IDF, they themselves asked Ben-Gurion in 1956 to be allowed to serve and have since then soldiered with distinction. The conviction of Nafsu, one of their sons, was therefore a severe blow to the community and his vindication was greeted with enormous satisfaction.

It has also served to lighten the worry of Israelis over the fallout from recent much criticized actions of the Shin Bet. Israel needs its Security Service and needs it badly, but it also needs the preservation of the rule of law in all its agencies and among all its servants.

Israeli universities in financial bind

World status in sciences at risk

By
EDWARD GROSSMAN

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Hebrew University's board of governors recently announced that if the university is unable to balance its budget before the autumn — meaning that if the government fails to step in with an extra grant to cover operating deficits — Israel's oldest and proudest institution of higher learning will close down.

Nor is the Hebrew University alone: Israel's other five universities, plus the Weizmann Institute, also report that they are in bad-to-desperate financial shape.

Even if the extra $25 million asked for by Education Minister Yitzhak Navon is provided, this will only allow the universities to keep paying salaries and maintaining buildings.

It will not enable them to resume a full range of basic scientific research, chosen and pursued by academics themselves, which has been neglected in the past few years for lack of money.

The result, in the opinion of the academics and some local industrialists, if not all the politicians, is that Israel will soon be dropping out of the international scientific elite.

Warnings have already been sounded. A study published late last year by the Israel National Academy of Sciences, for example, predicted that within five years, Israel's researchers would no longer be on a par with their West European and American colleagues in the fields of medicine, agriculture, computers and biology.

The study was initiated by Shimon Peres when he was Prime Minister and the committee which undertook it was impeccably blue ribbon. It was chaired by Academy president Prof. Yehoshua Yortner, an Israel Prize winner in chemistry, and included eminent academics like Profs. Yisrael Dostrovsky, Ya'acov Ziv, Shimshon Amitzur and Natan Rotenstreich.

Before presenting its recommendations, the panel went into the origins of the crisis and placed the blame squarely on the shoulders of successive governments.

Since the early 1970s, said the report, the part of the national budget devoted to higher education, and entrusted to the Council for Higher Education for parcelling out among universities, has been reduced from 8% to 4.5%.

At the same time, whatever additional governmental, industrial and philanthropic funds have become available, have tended to be earmarked for applied, rather than basic, research.

The old scientific-academic "pyramid" devised by Chaim Weizmann — Israel's first President and himself an eminent scientist — had basic research as the wide foundation and applied development as the tapering tip. This pyramid has now been inverted.

Already, basic research at the universities has been "almost paralyzed."

Basic research almost paralyzed

As research becomes more dependent on funds from industry and from abroad, the universities — and, therefore, the country — will lose control over the knowledge and profits arising from work done in Israel.

And of course, as opportunities for independent research become increasingly scarce, some of the best young people leave the country to work, and end up staying away.

The worst, however, is yet to come: by neglecting the traditional base of the pyramid and encouraging applied research at the expense of basic research, successive governments have jeopardized all research and development in Israel.

Accomplishments in high-tech industry, for example, do not come about in a vacuum; they grow out of a certain scientific, broadly cultural "atmosphere."

No such accomplishments can be expected without a reservoir of manpower trained in universities by scientists who do much of their teaching by involving students in basic research.

As the impoverished universities cut back still further — and as those young, trained and ambitious scientists leave the country — the local high-tech industry will also be crippled.

The academy report recommended that in order to save scientific standards and achievements, Israel should follow the United States model: state universities have two main sources of public funds for basic research — a government budget hammered out by politicians, and another, which is under the control of scientists at the National Science Foundation.

Cutbacks to cripple high-tech industry

Basic research in Israel, according to the Academy, has reached its present predicament because there is only one main source of funding and that source is being constantly reduced.

The report urgently recommended the creation of Israel's own national science foundation, under the Academy's administration, with a budget of at least $20 million a year. How this money was to be raised was left rather vague.

But the Yortner group stressed repeatedly that any money the government might put into the foundation was not to be subtracted from the regular, already emaciated, budget for higher education.

Another recommendation — stated briefly and without elaboration — was that the universities "keep up high standards and use their resources well."

The report was submitted to the government last October. Since then, hundreds of university personnel have been let go, and some of those who remain have voluntarily worked a month without pay.

But no more government money has been allocated to the universities for basic research, and there is still no homegrown national science foundation.

Morris case shows flaws of mandatory AIDS testing

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON — In Arizona, Army Pfc. Adrian Morris, Jr. is going on trial for the crime of committing sex. His was not your ordinary fornication and this is not your ordinary court-martial.

Morris is carrying the AIDS virus. More to the point, he knows it. Nevertheless, Pfc. Morris had sex with three other soldiers — one man and two women — without using a condom and without telling them.

This landmark in the AIDS epidemic is worth noting for many reasons. The army is trying Morris, it says, because he had sex without protection. Would it have prosecuted him if he had used a condom? If it had broken? Would the crime be more serious if the partners had become infected?

The case is intriguing because Morris was part of something we've heard an awful lot about: a mandatory AIDS testing program.

In the past months, AIDS testing has become anxiety testing or attitude testing. The free-floating concern about the spread of this lethal disease has collected around questions of whether and how and whom we are going to test for the virus.

The President called for testing prisoners and immigrants, people in drug-treatment programs and couples applying for marriage licences. Two days later the Senate voted to require it for immigrants. The same day the mayor of New York called for tests of all foreigners, even tourists who set foot in his city.

This rush-to-test atmosphere comes with understandable passion. We want to know the unknown. We want a quick way to halt the spread. We want safety. Indeed, those in favor of testing are often seen as protecting the public while those against are seen as protecting the carriers.

It's easy to talk about "tests" as if all are equally valuable, and about "carriers" as if they react the same. But it doesn't work that way.

I have no special objection to testing immigrants, although they are not a major source of the disease. Mayor Koch should know the balance of trade in this disease — his city is a greater exporter than importer of AIDS.

Nor do I have a deep problem with premarital testing, although again the value seems small and not without side effects. Couples on the verge of marriage have probably had sex with each other already. They are unlikely, on the verge of marriage, to be spreading the disease to others.

If we tested the 4.8 million Americans who marry annually, we would identify about 1,300 who are infected. But we would incorrectly identify 528 others as carriers, because of false positives.

The most important group, the so-called "bridge" into the heterosexual community, the parents of most infected infants, are intravenous drug abusers. Of these abusers, 200,000 may already be infected. Would I routinely offer those who come off the streets to drug-abuse programs an AIDS test? Absolutely. Would I encourage it? Of course.

But it is not at all clear that the President's way is best for intravenous drug users — people who are already involved in irresponsible, illegal activity. There is evidence that drug abusers who test positive for AIDS may behave in ways that are even more irresponsible. It may be foolish to frighten away those who come in off the streets for help.

Something in all this strikes me as particularly odd. While we're focused on mandatory testing, on seeking out carriers as criminals, we are making it difficult for the people most likely to change their behavior, the people who want tests. At testing sites that promise anonymity, the waiting lists are often weeks long. In states and hospitals and college clinics where results end up on permanent medical records — which in turn affect employment, insurance, even housing — many shun tests.

Those who favor mass testing and those who harbor reservations do share the same objective: to stop the spread. They are both in favor of identifying carriers and of protecting the public. They differ in beliefs about what works.

Consider the tale of Pfc. Morris again. His case shows the strengths and weaknesses of massive, mandatory testing. The army's program did not, the prosecutors contend, change his behavior. Nor did it protect at least three Americans from a dangerous carrier. But the testing program did eventually lead to his arrest.

Mandatory testing, with its lists and laws and enforcement, can track down a single offender, or two, or two thousand. But is that an effective health policy in a country where there are now some 1.5 million carriers? It's like stopping a stampede with a pistol.

The questions are less about civil liberties than about efficacy, about the best way to spend our energy and money. It may be comforting to believe that we can get "them," stop "them." But it is confidential and voluntarily testing, combined with relentless education and widespread self-protection that can help all of us.

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Representatives protest to papal nuncio

CJC vents "frustration" about Waldheim visit

By
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OTTAWA —
Four representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress met last week with the Vatican representative in Canada to protest the Pope's audience with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim.

The purpose of the visit was "to vent the frustration especially on the part of Holocaust survivors that to accord this recognition to Waldheim, who is a symbol of Nazism lingering to this day, diminishes the charges against him and even the pursuit of Nazis today," said Ian Kagedan, assistant national executive director of Congress.

"In effect, the Pope is saying let bygones be bygones."

B'nai B'rith Canada also registered a protest at the presence of Canadian charge d'affaires L. P. Tardif during Waldheim's audience with the Pope. Earlier, the senior Jewish organization had asked the Canadian government to instruct its diplomats "not to participate in the events relating to Waldheim's visit" so as not to "recognize in an official manner Waldheim as long as he is under suspicion as a participant in the persecution of Jews and others while serving with the Nazi occupational forces in Yugoslavia."

"Diplomatic practice is such that when a head of state visits the Vatican, he asks to see the ambassadors," said External Affairs spokesman Denis Comeau.

The North American Jewish Students Network also criticized the Pope for ending Waldheim's diplomatic isolation, saying "the highest levels of Catholic-Jewish relations have been poisoned."

A strong protest was registered by three Catholic women, including Mary Jo Leddy, founding editor of Toronto's Catholic New Times, who said the pontiff's meeting with Waldheim "appears as absolving" the Austrian president.

"It can be interpreted as part of a pattern of the Church denying the consequences its own long history of anti-semitism has had for the Jewish people," they stated.

In addition to Leddy, the statement was signed by Sister Carol Rittner, director of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity in New York, and Eva Fleischner, a member of the advisory committee for Catholic-Jewish relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In Ottawa, the Congress delegation asked the papal nuncio, Archbishop Angelo Palmas, to convey Congress' suggestion to the Pope to ask Waldheim, a Catholic, to publicly confess his involvement with the Nazis.

Joining Kagedan in the half-hour meeting with the Vatican ambassador were Gerda Frieberg, chairwoman of Congress' Holocaust Remembrance Committee; Rabbi Gunther Plaut, former Congress president, and Harvey Lithwick, a Carleton University professor and a national officer of Congress.

The reception accorded the group by the papal nuncio was "cordial and proper," Kagedan said. Archbishop Palmas replied to Congress' statements by quoting a diplomatic dispatch issued by the Pope saying it was "normal" for heads of state to visit each other. (The Pope is not only spiritual leader of the world's Catholics but also head of state of Vatican City. The papal nuncio is Vatican ambassador.)

In explaining the Pope's reasons for meeting with Waldheim, Archbishop Palmas quoted the pontiff as noting that Waldheim had welcomed him at the United Nations when he was its secretary general, that Waldheim was democratically elected and that it is normal to receive the head of state of a country the Pope plans to visit, Kagedan reported.

The Congress delegation responded by pointing out the heads of other countries, including Austria's neighbors, have declined to meet with Waldheim.

If the Pope really wished to avoid the visit he could find a way to do so, the delegation told Archbishop Palmas.

Kagedan said "the invitation indicates a measure of insensitivity to the whole issue of the Holocaust and the feelings of the Jewish people." He speculated the Pope agreed to meet with the Austrian president because Austria is a largely Catholic country and the Pope wishes to assert the authority of the church there.

The Congress executive said the visit would not set back Jewish-Catholic relations in Canada. Those links are proceeding "at a good pace," he said, "and are solid enough that an act of gross insensitivity on the part of the Pope won't affect the good relations here in Canada."

Congress took the diplomatic route and decided not to approach Canadian Catholic bishops for their input, because the visit "is a matter of state," Kagedan said. "The Pope here is playing as a politician, not as a spiritual leader."

Soviet month called success

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
May's International Solidarity Month for Soviet Jewry was such an unqualified success that organizers are already planning an even bigger focus next year.

Wendy Litwack and Ben Prossin, co-chairman and director, respectively, of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Committee for Soviet Jewry Ontario Region, said in a joint interview that it was too early to tell exactly how many petitions, cards and telegrams were sent to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

However, they said it is indicative of interest in Soviet Jewry that many synagogues now are forming activism groups as a direct result of the Congress committee's calendar. It listed various Jewish and non-Jewish groups' activities during the month of May and on which Refusenik they focused their effort.

As well, many groups have adopted a Refusenik family and individuals have sought information about the bar/bat mitzvah twinning program coordinated by Congress.

Prossin, who compiled the data which is still being received from the various organizations outlining what they did and the level of activity, said that so far, petitions with about 5,000 names were sent to Gorbachev as well as several thousand cards and letters.

Litwack, who has been a Soviet Jewry activist since 1974 both here and in Montreal, said that she has lately noticed a new resurgence in the level of activism here.

"Many people — my friends — used to say to me, 'Good luck with your cause.' It's exciting to see the change in their attitude. Now it's, 'Fabulous things are happening, what can I do to help.' People recognize the fact that there are changes now and that it's time to mobilize the army."

(She was a speaker at a day-long retreat of the Jewish Women's Federation women's campaign of United Jewish Appeal at which it launched its Women for Ida Nudel campaign. Each woman wrote a letter to Raisa Gorbachev, wife of Soviet leader Gorbachev, appealing to her to intervene.)

Litwack said that the calendar serves a dual purpose: It publicizes the organization's event and also helps the Soviet Jewry movement.

"The calendar stimulates a healthy competition among synagogues. They say, 'If so-and-so is on it, why not us.'

"Nothing is better than Soviet Jewry finding a definite niche in every organization."

Prossin noted the positive feedback with the calendar indicates to him that "next year organizations will come to us to be included."

Mystery increasing over Lebanese Jew

PARIS (JTA) —
The mystery over the fate of Elie Srour, one of six Lebanese Jews kidnapped in West Beirut on March 30, 1985, has deepened.

A terrorist group, calling itself The Organization of the Oppressed of the Earth, claimed recently that it had "executed Srour in "reprisal" for recent Israeli air strikes at terrorist targets in south Lebanon.

But the same organization announced Srour's "execution" last Dec. 30, alleging he was an Israeli "spy" who "belonged to the Mossad while claiming to act as president of the Lebanese Jewish community."

The latest "execution" was announced in a handwritten note discovered by police along with a photograph of the victim. The photograph was identified as Srour but police could not say when it was taken.

Srour was seized more than two years ago outside his electrical appliance shop in west Beirut. He had headed the Hebrat Kadisha, the Jewish burial society in Beirut.

Ten Lebanese Jews have been kidnapped during the past 2½ years. Their captors claimed that seven were "executed." Only three bodies were found. No traces have been found of the others, including Srour.

The Jewish community here and groups in Israel have been trying to learn the fate of the missing men, so far without success. The announcement of Srour's "execution," twice in six months, each time for different reasons, has added to the puzzle.

It is with deep regret that
we announce the passing of

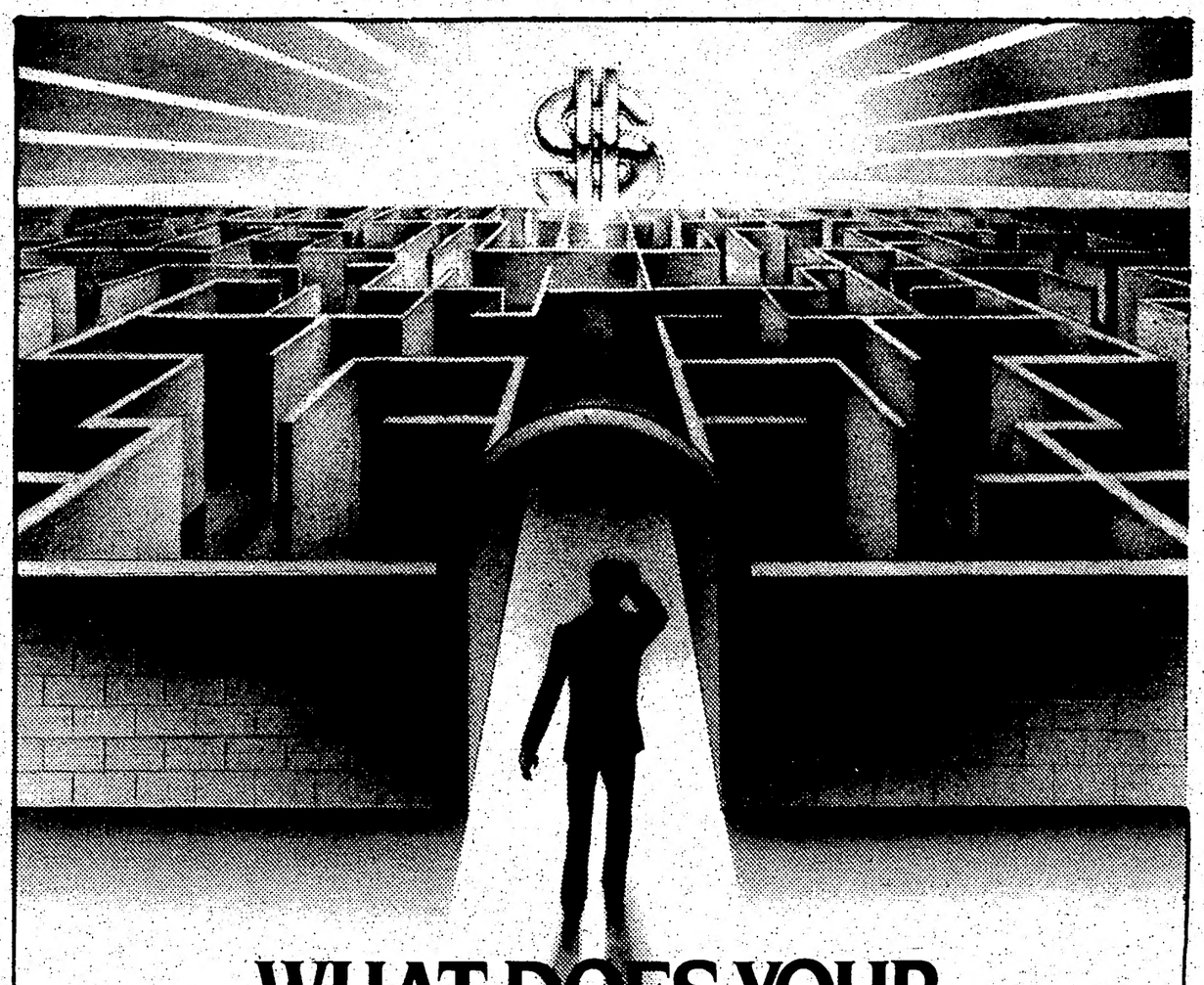
KARL BALD ז"ל

on June 18, 1987, at the age of 62, after a valiant struggle with cancer. Karl was a prominent and respected member of the Toronto business community, serving as President of Myer Bald Inc., and President of the Canadian Importers Association Inc.

He was actively involved in community services, including tenure as President of Holy Blossom Temple from 1980 to 1982, as well as President of Oakdale Golf and Country Club.

His commitment and integrity will be missed by all who knew him.

Donations in his memory may be made to the "Pain Pump Program" at the Toronto-Bayview Cancer Centre or to the Israel Cancer Research Fund.



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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: A family broke up because the husband became ill. After the divorce, their two sons stayed with their mother. When the lady remarried, the ailing father allowed his sons to be adopted by his ex-wife's new husband. How are the children to be called to the Torah? With which father's Hebrew name?

Rabbi Burak

Those congregations who call a person to the Torah, not by name but according to the aliya, won't have any problem with these boys. Ya'amod maftir is all that will be said. But, the true question is: shall these youngsters cease to be the sons of their biological father as the result of the adoption?

The father who allowed his sons to be adopted by the new man in the life of his former wife acted like a gentleman. Since he was not able to look after them because of his illness, he allowed them to be adopted. Having behaved like a decent human being, should he be penalized? Should his Hebrew name be erased from his children's?

Yet that is exactly what we are doing when we cut his name from the names of his children. The Torah says, in Deuteronomy 25:6, "and his name shall not be blotted out of Israel." Sometimes, for very serious moral reasons, a father's name was removed, but that was only when that name was connected with the most terrifying scandal.

The Code, O.H. Chapter 139:3, states that this was done when the father became an apostate. Is it right to mention the apostate's name when standing beside the Torah? No. The Code tells us to call him by his grandfather's name. The Taz offers another solution: call him ben Avraham. After all, Abraham is the father of the Jewish people.

In all other cases, the father's name stays attached to his son's. A further problem impeding the change of the name to the adoptive father's is the question of status. If the father who gave birth to him is a Cohen or a Levi, while the father who raises him is not, how will we take note of the fact that the child is a Cohen or a Levi?

It is not that our sacred sources are unaware of the kindness of the man who raises another's child. On the contrary, Tractate Megillah, 13A, tells us that "he who raises an orphan boy or girl is as one who gave birth to him." Moshe was called by that name, not because his mother gave it to him at birth, but because Pharaoh's daughter gave him the name Moshe. She raised him, and therefore, the name she gave him counts.

Moshe's name is Moshe ben Amram. He had a number of other names. The same page in the Talmud tells us that he was called Avigdor, Yared, Yekuthiel, etc. But the name that remained is Moshe. He is Moshe ben Amram, and the father who didn't raise him remains part of his name along with the name given to him by the Egyptian princess who raised him.

All this should show you that a father's name remains part of his son's name, regardless of the fact that the father did not raise his son. Even when another man adopts him, the biological father's name should stay on. Only if the father did frightful things may his name be forgotten.

Today, there are many adopted children — children whose parents never even attempted to raise them. Yet these children are desperate to find their roots. Laws are being passed to enable them to find their biological parents.

There are other kinds of children, too. There are children who make no effort to find the unfortunate father who gave them up because of necessity. That father should be known, and respected, and loved. When such a father dies, his child should observe shiva and say kaddish.

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Arabs hold a strike across Israel

SHFARAM (JPFS) — Hundreds of thousands of Israeli Arabs carried out a countrywide general strike last week to protest against discriminatory government policies and to demand equal rights.

The 1-day nationwide stoppage passed quietly, unlike previous such demonstrations in 1976 and 1982. Police were on the alert but maintained a low profile.

Throughout the Arab sector, schools, shops and businesses were closed and local authority services came to a standstill. Government offices, including the postal service, were the notable exceptions. Egged continued to operate buses in the Arab towns and villages.

Arabs employed in the Jewish sector, in the construction industry and at restaurants, hotels and factories, particularly in the North, also responded to the strike call and stayed home.

Delighted organizers, who had taken pains to ensure that the strike not be marred by violence, maintained that support for the strike among the country's 600,000 Israeli Arabs had been almost total. A few, however, ignored the strike call and reported for work in the Jewish sector as usual, but they were only a small minority, the organizers claimed.

But Moshe Arens, the minister responsible for Arab affairs, expressed satisfaction at what he called "the partial scope of the strike," according to Israel Radio.

Arens noted that the Bedouin had not joined the strike at all, and stressed that the government should not surrender to such strikes.

"The Arabs have legitimate claims, but this strike was organized by the Communist party using threats and sometimes violence," Arens said on Israel Television.

"This is the first time in our history that the Arab community has been so united around a single issue," declared Dr. Majid al-Haj, one of the coordinators at the national strike committee's headquarters in Shfaram.

"We delivered our message that Arabs, as Israeli citizens, are no longer prepared to put up with the government's discriminatory policies," he said.

"We hope the government will draw the obvious conclusions and take the appropriate measures to remedy the inequality and injustice."

Al-Haj, a lecturer at Haifa University and chairman of the followup committee on Arab education, warned that the strike was not the last step in their campaign.

"We will continue the fight, using all the legitimate means at our disposal, until our demands for equal rights are met," he declared.

The national strike committee is to meet this week to decide on further moves, if the government fails to respond positively by then.

Their immediate demands are for a moratorium on the demolition of homes built without permits in the Arab sector; consolidation of the debts accumulated by 46 Arab local councils, and a massive increase in their annual budgets; the establishment of local and regional planning committees to draw up development plans for towns and villages; additional funding to build 200 new classrooms a year for the next five years in the Arab sector and improvements in school curriculum and facilities; cancellation of discriminatory tuition fees; beefed-up health services and long-term programs to help create industry and increase job opportunities in the Arab sector.

They also want more government assistance to improve relations between Jews and Arabs generally and to curb the spread of racism.

Secret Shamir meet reported

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Premier Yitzhak Shamir met secretly with Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi during a stopover on the way to Togo, Maariv reported last week.

Moi promised he would consider establishing full diplomatic relations with Israel in the near future, but also outlined preconditions.

Israel has an Interests Section in Kenya, headed by an Israeli diplomat who holds the rank of ambassador.

Maariv also reports that the head of the President's office in Equatorial Guinea came to Lome, the capital of Togo, and met with members of Shamir's entourage.

The Israel Ambassador to Cameroon, Gad Golan, then went to Equatorial Guinea for additional talks.

Meanwhile, some London observers of the Middle East, commenting on Shamir's African tour, see Black African governments eager to resume relations with Israel for economic, military and political reasons, plus influence in Washington.

Black African governments which embarked on cordial relations with Israel in the late 1950s and 1960s but broke their ties under Arab pressure in the 1970s are reported by British specialists as once again looking to Israel in growing numbers for security and defence assistance and for agricultural know-how.

The Financial Times of London quoted a senior African expert at Israel's foreign ministry as saying the problem with the efforts of the African states for restoration of relations is "their expectations are out of all proportion to what we can provide."

The newspaper said among the grounds for the revival of relations are the proven efficacy of Israeli security, Israel's recent tentative steps to distance itself from South Africa, a waning of radical Arab influence in Africa and a strong desire to court favor with the U.S. and its powerful congressional Jewish lobby."

Sex education in Israel schools

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Sex education will become compulsory in Israeli schools from September, the education ministry has announced. Pupils from kindergarten age to the top grade in high school will spend at least 12 hours a year learning about the facts of life.

The decision, taken by the ministry's pedagogical secretariat, which sets the school curriculum, ends a 15-year struggle by educators to make sex education mandatory.

Teachers and social workers have been expressing concern about the lack of knowledge among teenagers about such matters as contraception.

In his announcement, the ministry said it was also launching a survey to find out about the sexual behavior of young people and to discover where they get their information on the subject.

Education ministry director Shimshon Shoshani has sent a message to all schools, asking them to arrange for at least six 2-hour lessons on the facts of life to be incorporated into annual schedules.

So far, she added, some 7,000 teachers had taken courses on sex education.

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World-National

Who is a Jew controversy spurs confrontation

By
JTA & JPFS

JERUSALEM —
Leaders of the American and Israeli Reform and Conservative movements in Judaism expressed disappointment and anger last week over Premier Yitzhak Shamir's apparent determination to push a measure through the Knesset that would give the Orthodox rabbinate in Israel sole authority to determine Jewish identity.

"The Premier did not have a sympathetic ear," Franklin Kreutzer, president of the United Synagogue of America, the congregational branch of the 1.5-million member Conservative movement in the U.S., told a press conference here after he and five other leaders met with Shamir.

He said Shamir appeared to be siding with the Orthodox view and had implied it was the non-Orthodox who were expressing extremist views.

Openly courting the religious parties to support Likud efforts to block the Labor Party from calling early Knesset elections on the issue of an international conference for Middle East peace, Shamir pledged last month to achieve passage by the Knesset of an amendment to the Religious Conversion Law of 1947. He set a 60-day deadline.

The change would give the Chief Rabbinical Council final authority to approve conversions.

The Reform and Conservative leaders said they warned Shamir that if his measure is passed it would cause a "damaging breach in the relations with Diaspora Jewry" and have adverse effects on political support and fund raising efforts for Israel among Diaspora Jews.

A UJA delegation led by national chairman Martin Stein told the Premier that the issue must be resolved by religious leaders of the various denominations, and not by politicians.

Stein said later that he and his colleagues had explicitly pointed up a potential link between fund raising efforts and the alienation caused by the Who is a Jew issue.

"This goes right to the kishke," Stein said. "Of the six million American Jews, five million are not Orthodox. This issue calls into question not only the Jewishness of the relatively small number of converts, but the Jewish legitimacy of rabbis, or laymen, of communities."

Well-placed sources said this was the first time that the carefully non-political UJA, the main fund raising organ of American Jewry, had confronted a premier so forthrightly on the "Who is a Jew" issue.

Reciprocity not assured in Israel, USSR ties

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
The principle of reciprocity, by which an Israeli consular delegation will be sent to Moscow after a similar visit from a Soviet delegation, has not been assured, foreign ministry political director-general Yossi Beilin said last week.

"The principle wasn't agreed upon. It was unilaterally proposed by us in contacts with the Soviets earlier this year when they asked to come to Israel. We told them that the visas would be granted if within a short time they permitted an Israeli delegation to enter the Soviet Union," Beilin told diplomatic correspondents.

"I am aware that they said they would not accede to our demand," Beilin said. Personally, he believed that the Israeli delegation would be allowed to visit Moscow, eventually.

"I don't think that there is any importance to an Israeli delegation in itself," Beilin said. "We will not retreat from the principle of renewing diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and we will not accept any substitute for it. We have no interest in making the consular delegation a substitute for a dialogue with the Soviets," he said.

The Soviet delegation, due to arrive early this month, will be able to meet with senior government officials only if it initiates such meetings, he said. The foreign ministry has decided that Israel will not initiate any talks on matters besides consular affairs, which are the declared purpose of the visit, he added.

Hitler's Kampf soon in Hebrew

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —
Adolf Hitler's Mein Kampf (My Struggle), the book in which the Nazi dictator set out his anti-semitic philosophy, will soon be available in Hebrew.

Retired Israeli educator Dan Yaron said he had completed the first Hebrew translation of the book, which Hitler wrote in a Munich prison in 1923-24 after the abortive putsch nearly 10 years before the Nazis took power.

Yaron said the translation had been made in response to requests from Israeli students and researchers of the Holocaust despite a lack of cooperation, bordering on hostility, from other Israeli academics, the local newspaper Sharon Times reports.

"No one was prepared to help, and not for financial reasons," he told the paper.

Demjanjuk defence to begin as ID card claimed genuine

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
The prosecution has called its last witness in the trial of alleged Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk, four months after the trial opened on Feb. 16.

The defence is expected to demand that charges against Demjanjuk be dismissed, and if the plea is rejected, the judges will call a summer recess.

When the trial re-opens, probably towards the end of July or the beginning of August, the defence will call Demjanjuk as its first witness.

The final prosecution witness was an American chemistry expert, Dr. Antonio Cantu, who specializes in determining the age and composition of inks and paper.

He disputed the defence claims that the Nazi identification document, allegedly issued to Demjanjuk at the Trawniki camp in Poland during World War 2, was a Soviet forgery.

"Every test I made established that 1941 was the date of the ID card," he told the court. "I found no substance in it that was introduced after 1942."

Meanwhile, there are rumbles of dissent within the defence team.

There have been clashes between Mark O'Connor and his Israeli co-counsel Yoram Sheftel, with O'Connor angrily telling Sheftel off. Such exchanges have taken place in full view of judges and spectators — if not the TV cameras — although the actual words were not audible.

In the last few days, John Gill, the team's document expert, has openly spoken to reporters, something he has avoided doing in the past. "There will have to be changes. John (Demjanjuk) wants us to be equal."

While Sheftel is the relative newcomer to the team, Gill has been associated with O'Connor on the case for several years.

Last week's session reopened one hour late in the absence of the accused.

But any speculation that Demjanjuk was trying to emulate Klaus Barbie in Lyons, who is boycotting his trial, was soon disabused by presiding judge Dov Levin. "On his way to Jerusalem from the Ramle jail, the accused accidentally suffered a slight injury.

What had happened was that the police van lurching around a curve had caused the manacled Demjanjuk to slide off his bench and hit his head and shoulder.

German scholar dismissed after furor over Herzl

BONN (JTA) —
A West German scholar in charge of editing a government-sponsored scientific edition of the letters and diaries of Theodor Herzl has been dismissed because of his recently published thesis that Hitler "created the State of Israel."

Two Israeli co-editors on the project said they could no longer work with Prof. Ernst Nolte, of the Free University of West Berlin, because of his attempts to rewrite history.

Nolte maintained that the Jews would eventually come to appreciate Hitler as the individual who contributed more than anyone else to the creation of the State of Israel. He also wrote that Americans would appreciate Hitler as the man who brought their country to the status of superpower.

The Deutsche Forschungemeinschaft, the government-backed insitution managing the project, has engaged another scholar to complete it.

Meanwhile, Frans Josef Strauss, leader of the conservative Christian Social Union Party in Bavaria, told the Catholic Students Association in Munich that the time has come for Germans to "lay to rest the ghosts of the past." A people cannot live with what he called "a criminalized history." The Germans, he said, have "the same right to normality as other people."

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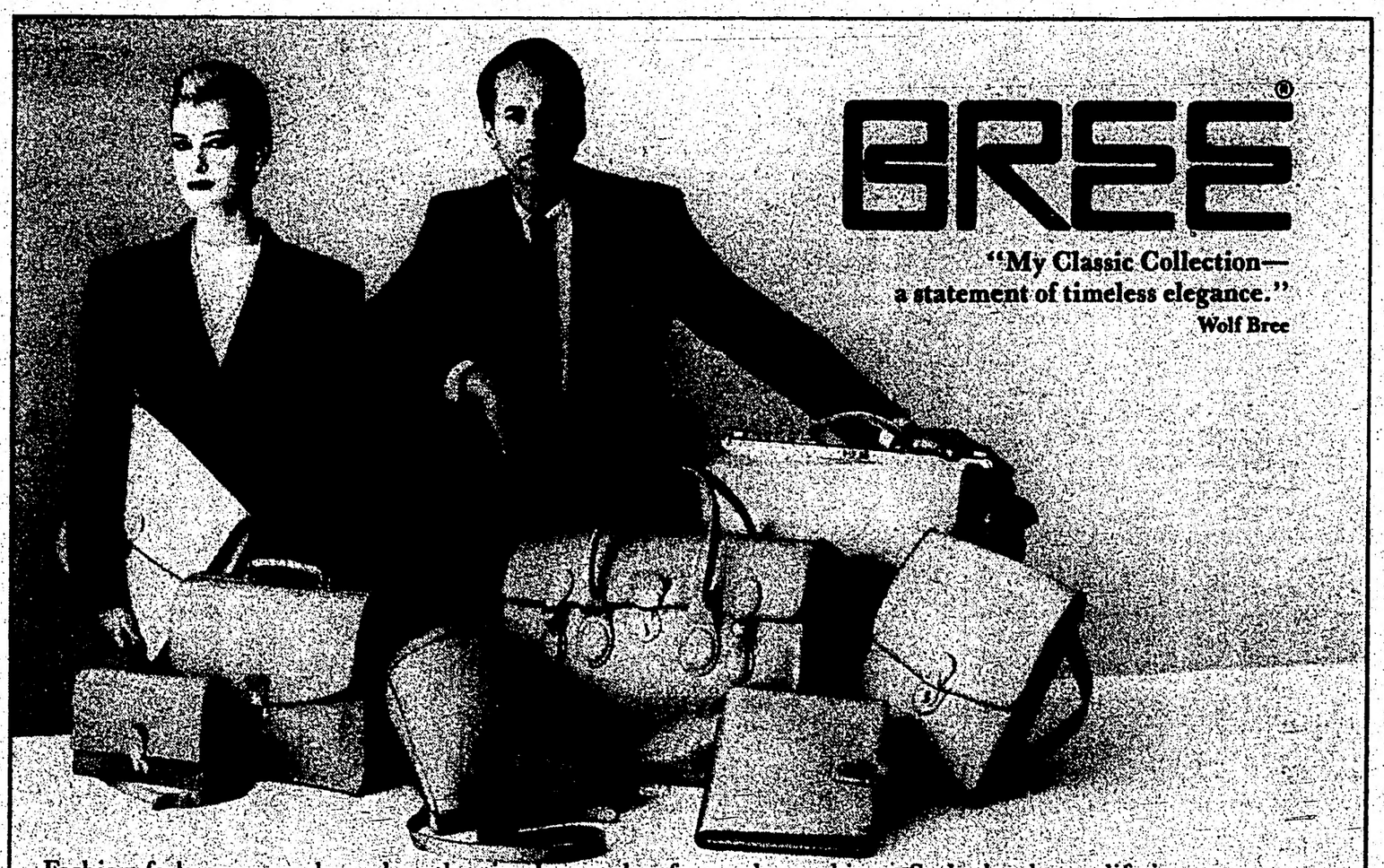

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World-National

Affects Jews and Arabs

Ruling sends message to racists

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA)— The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled unanimously that Jews and Arabs are protected against discrimination by federal civil rights laws adopted in 1886.

The decision came in two separate, but linked, opinions written by Justice Byron White. Both cases were heard by the high court on Feb. 25.

One ruling allows Shaare Tefila Congregation, a Silver Spring, Maryland, Conservative congregation, to sue, under the civil rights laws, eight men who were arrested for spray painting swastikas and anti-semitic slogans on the synagogue on Nov. 1, 1982.

The opinion in favor of the synagogue came after the court ruled Majid Ghaidan Al-Khazraji, an Iraqi-born professor, could sue St. Francis College, in Pennsylvania, on charges that he was denied tenure because he was an Arab.

White said that while Jews are not considered a separate race today, they were when the 1886 civil rights laws were adopted.

"Jews and Arabs were among the people then considered to be distinct races and hence within the protection of the statute," White said. "Jews are not foreclosed from stating a cause of action against other members of what today is considered to be part of the Caucasian race."

In her argument before the court Feb. 25, Patricia Brennan, a Washington lawyer who represented the synagogue, said that while Jews are not a separate race, those who vandalized the synagogue acted because they believe Jews are non-whites.

Deborah Garret, a Baltimore lawyer representing one of the vandals, argued that while the act was one of religious discrimination it was not racist under the federal laws.

Kenneth Lipson, president of the Jewish Advocacy Center, which seeks to bring legal action against those committing anti-semitic acts, said "It sends the clear and emphatic message" that the civil rights laws can be brought "against those who commit acts of anti-semitic violence."

This was why the congregation brought a suit against the vandals in the U.S. District Court in Baltimore, charging that its civil rights had been violated.

The Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., upheld the district court's rejection of the suit in a 2-1 decision which said Jews could not use the civil rights law for protection as they were not a separate non-white race.

But the Supreme Court decision noted that the 1866 law was "intended to protect from discrimination identifiable classes of persons who are subjected to intentional discrimination solely because of their ancestry or ethnic characteristics."

The decision will allow the congregation to reinstitute its suit in the district court. The suit seeks $3,000 to cover the cost of repainting the synagogue's walls.

GUARDIAN OF JERUSALEM

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek (right) pins badge on Mayor Manfred Rommel of Stuttgart, West Germany, who was awarded the honor of "Guardian of Jerusalem" for promoting Israel's capital and Israel as a travel destination. Rommel is the son of the late Nazi Field Marshall Erwin Rommel. [RNS photo]

Payment for victims of Mengele

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — **Germany has agreed to compensate 83 Mengele twins for the physical and mental anguish suffered at the hands of Nazi Dr. Joseph Mengele, Israeli attorney Arye Ben-Tov announced last week.**

According to the agreement, the West German treasury will pay each twin a one-time payment of between $11,000-$14,000.

The twins, who were used by Mengele for his genetic experiments, formed an association two years ago to demand compensation. Germany had refused to pay on the grounds that it had already made reparation payments.

Israel, China progress seen

TEL AVIV (JTA) — "Meaningful progress" was made at a recent meeting of Israeli diplomats with representatives of the People's Republic of China, according to a report in Hadashot recently.

The Israelis, headed by Avraham Tamir, director general of the foreign ministry, gained the impression that China would be ready to establish diplomatic relations with Israel if an international conference for Middle East peace is convened, the report said.

According to Hadashot, the foreign ministry attaches considerable importance to the statement by a senior Chinese diplomat in Paris concerning possible advances in relations with Israel if progress is made in the peace process.

An international conference under United Nations auspices would include China as one of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

The Name Game

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3. **FENSTER, Halina** - born 1940 in Tarnopol, Poland (now USSR). Stepsister of Marian Mark Kaufman. Believed to be residing in Toronto.
4. **GORBONOS, Semion** - born 1925 in the USSR. Husband of Rita. Left USSR in 1977. Believed to be in Canada or USA.
5. **KIRSHROTH (KIRSZROT), Charlotte** - born Sept. 4, 1923 in Minden, West Germany. Daughter of Szmul Wolf Kirshroth and Hena nee Ingberg. Believed to have emigrated to Canada in 1930 from Warsaw, Poland.
6. **MINKIN, Arkady** - born Dec. 1916 in Moscow. Son of Simon and Sima. Believed to have come to Canada in 1945/46.
7. **NOTKIN, Grigory & family (Galina, Svetlana, Vladimir & Gennady)** born in Kiev, USSR. Arrived in Canada 1980. Resided in Hamilton, and are now believed to be in Toronto.
8. **POLLACK (POLAK), Josef (Joseph), Sofia, son Ludwick, daughter Ruth** last known address in Roumania - Blvd. Domnital 13, Bucharest. Believed to have immigrated to Canada.
9. **RAIZMAN, Foka** - born 1922 in Kiev. Son of Moysey; brother of the late Grigory Raizman and Nusia Raizman. Left the Soviet Union in 1978.
10. **RANCMAN, Danny Marcus** - born in 1961 in Tel-Aviv, Israel. Son of Zigmund Rancman & Gitta nee Liberman. Believed to have gone to Canada with mother, after father passed away.
11. **RICHMAN (REICHMAN), family of Max & Anna nee Katz** - originally from Zloto, Galicia, Poland. Last known city of residence Toronto, where they were owners of Richman Bakeries.
12. **ROMANOV, David** - born approx. 1922 in Russia, wife Sara and daughter Helen (Elena). Were in Greece during World War II. Known to have arrived in Canada in the early 1950's.
13. **SPINNER, Paula nee SCHAERF (SCHARF)** - born in 1909 in Bucovina, Roumania. Believed to have left for Canada or the USA in the 1950's.
14. **SZERMAN, Josef** - born 1922 in Lodz, Poland. Son of Hilko. Cousin of Lonia Zygielman Berkowitz.
15. **TRACHMAN, Isak** - born in Lvov (Lemberg) in 1916-17. Father of Alina Kentof and brother of Jacob. Last known city of residence - Montreal, Quebec.
16. **UZDIN, Boris** - believed to have arrived in Toronto in 1974-75 with wife, Lioudka, and son Vladimir. Boris is a taxi driver.
17. **UZDIN, Sophia** - sister of Boris Uzdin - last known address was in Winnipeg, Man. She is believed to have arrived in Canada in 1979/80, with daughter, Raisa Rozenblum, who was born in 1957 in Leningrad.

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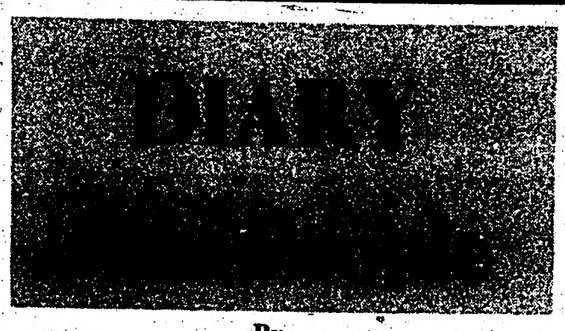

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Its Jewish commander led the armies of Fatimid caliph Al Muizz into Egypt on July 7, in the year 969. The magnificent encampment became the city of Cairo, as Paltiel continued an illustrious career as viceroy of the vast Moslem empire and as an observant Jew.

Historian Ahimaaz — Paltiel's son — wrote that Al Muizz first met Paltiel as the head of Sicily's Jews in 952. Al Muizz, the descendant of Fatima, daughter of Mohammed, and a candidate for the leadership of the Moslem empire, had just conquered Christian southern Italy. Paltiel approached him to plead for his community, subject to long years of Christian persecution.

Paltiel impressed Al Muizz with his wit and charm, exercised under the gravest of circumstances. During their talks, which took place over several days, they saw an auspicious sign in the night sky. Al Muizz's star consumed — overtook — three stars in succession. Al Muizz demanded of the Jewish wise man the meaning of the display. Said Paltiel: "The first star means that you will rule over Sicily, the second, over Africa, and the third, over Egypt."

Al Muizz answered: "If your words come true, you shall be the master of my house and have authority over all my kingdom." The consequences of erring were left unstated.

Promise kept

In less than a week, Al Muizz was informed that the emir of Sicily — the commander of the Moslem troops trying to complete Sicily's conquest — had died. Al Muizz hurried over with his troops to continue the campaign. At the same time, he made good his promise to Paltiel. The latter was appointed vizier (chief official) and personal advisor to Al Muizz.

In a translation of Ahimaaz's Hebrew prose, Al Muizz "had faith in Paltiel's words and did not depart from his advice either to the left or to the right."

Al Muizz left his brother in charge of Sicily, and set out with Paltiel to conquer North Africa. The two went from success to success.

(A side note — the Moslem sweep that eventually reached Spain was halted temporarily only in one place, along what is now the Moroccan-Algerian frontier. Leading the resistance was the renowned Dahia al-Kahina, the queen and high priestess of the semi-Jewish Berber tribes. The Moslem advance resumed only after she was killed in battle in the year 704. This was some 300 years before Paltiel. Whether or not Jewish opposing commanders met in battle is a moot point, but one generating historical and religious speculation.)

Pragmatic move

Upon the death of the kafur, the ruler of Egypt, in the year 968, the intimidated Egyptian leaders decided to invite Al Muizz — backed by bristling forces now led by Paltiel — to succeed to their throne. Al Muizz graciously accepted their practical offer.

Paltiel entered in advance of his leader, setting up a network of luxuriously fitted way stations along the dry barren distance between Egypt and Arabia, for the use of Al Muizz and his regal entourage. Describing the logistics, Ahimaaz writes: "He erected bazaars and places for lodging, appointed merchants for them, and supplied them with bread, water, fish, meat, garden produce, as well as everything necessary for soldiers coming from the distant cities."

The final and most spectacular bazaar was set up three miles from the then Egyptian capital, Fostat. Al Muizz, occupied in Arabia with securing his throne, did not arrive himself for another four years.

On Yom Kippur 969, the community of Fostat accorded their illustrious brother every honor in the main synagogue. Paltiel pledged to distribute a total of 5,000 dinars (gold pieces) to Fostat's leading scholars, the mourners of the Temple in Jerusalem, the talmudic academies of Babylonia, the poor of various communities, and for the upkeep of the Fostat synagogue. He arose at dawn the day after Yom Kippur and arranged a guarded caravan to make good the distribution.

The camp soon grew into a city, Cairo, as Paltiel became the nagid, prince, of the Fatimid empire's Jews.

Original member of solidarity committee

Cancer victim Rimma Bravve dies

By
WENDY ROSEN

MONTREAL — Soviet cancer patient Rimma Bravve died June 22 at her Rochester home in the arms of her mother Khana Anbinder and husband Vladimir.

Bravve, who was one of the original six members of the International Cancer Patients Solidarity Committee, had ovarian cancer than had spread to other parts of her body.

Montreal oncologist Dr. Gerald Batist, co-founder of the committee, said that Bravve, 32, wanted to live long enough to be reunited with her husband's parents and her sister-in-law Sophia, who are all Refuseniks.

She didn't get that wish.

Although Sophia Bravve, who underwent surgery for thyroid cancer last year, was recently given permission to emigrate with her daughter, Elena, she has not yet left the country. Her parents have been refused permission.

Rimma and Vladimir Bravve left Moscow last December and joined her sister Larisa Shapiro in Rochester.

At the solidarity committee's first birthday last month, Bravve told Batist she hoped that all of the cancer patients including Ben Charny, the only one of the original six to be denied an exit visa, would soon be together in the West.

In calling Bravve a courageous and gracious woman, Batist said she "only wanted to talk about the struggle and our strategies. She had a fundamental courage you don't often see."

Courage to face struggle

He explained that for several years, she had been afraid to mention her cancer, which was diagnosed in 1984, and to do anything which would displease the Soviets.

"All of a sudden during a phone call last November, she challenged both her cancer and Soviet officials. Our call was disconnected and when I called back she said she wanted to finish reading her statement.

"The struggle strengthened her...the inactivity, almost the waiting to die weakens people. It was as if the courage to face one gave her the courage to face the other."

In other Soviet Jewry news, Batist said that Naum Meiman, 76, the widower of Inna Meiman, the Soviet cancer patient who died in Washington three weeks after being granted an exit visa, has all the symptoms of chronic lymphocytic leukemia and has joined the solidarity committee.

Several Leningrad Refuseniks, who were ordered to appear in court, have been fined between 40 and 50 rubles (between $100 and $125). Their court appearance stemmed from their attempt to hold a memorial demonstration for cancer patient Yuri Shpeizman, who died en-route to Israel.

Soviet Jewish emigration in the first 22 days of June, the last date for which figures are available, reached 581 bringing the annual total to 2,878. This compares with 914 for 1986 and 1,139 for 1985.

Ben Prossin, director of Canadian Jewish Congress' Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region, reports that Inna Elbert, who with husband Lev demonstrated for emigration with a hunger strike two months ago, says that a high-ranking foreign ministry official told her that her husband's case will be reviewed soon by the new commission investigating refusals based on secrecy grounds.

It has been estimated that 150 Refuseniks applied for reconsideration by the commission.

The official told her that the commission just finished the first series of reconsiderations — half the total number of applicants — and that 50% had positive answers. He said the rest of the applicants' cases — including the Elberts' — would be determined when the committee reconvenes next week.

Prossin reports that former Prisoner of Conscience Roald Zelichonok, of Leningrad, has been asked by the OVIR emigration office to fill out documents which would allow him to leave the country.

As well, Prisoner of Conscience Yosef Begun has started formal proceding for an exit visa.

The Soviets have granted a visa to Mikhail Kholminsky of Moscow, his wife Oxanna and their son Maxim. Kholminsky, a computer programmer and Hebrew teacher, has been in refusal since 1979.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

(1) What day marks the beginning of the 3-week mourning period for the destruction of the Temple?

(2) What period in the Jewish calendar is called bein ha-Mezarim ("in stress")?

(3) What day commemorates the breaking of the walls of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar (586 BCE)?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

(1) Fast of the 17th of Tammuz.

(2) The three weeks beginning with the fast of Tammuz and ending with the fast of the Ninth of Av.

(3) Fast of the 17th day of Tammuz.

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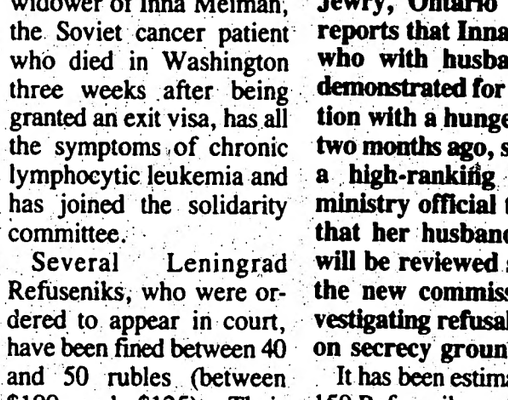

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Mazel tov to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bitton

who were married at Toronto's Sheraton Centre on May 24. The bride is the former Annette Buchman. Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Buchman and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bitton. Delighted grandmothers are Mrs. E. Rinde, Mrs. R. Buchman and Mrs. E. Mergui.

Editorial

Papal absolution?

Not since the 1982 meeting with Yasser Arafat have the Vatican and Pope John Paul II made such a serious error in judgment as they have in according a papal audience to Kurt Waldheim, Austria's president-pariah.

Waldheim's murky past as a willing servant of Hitler's army in the Balkans and the evidence that he was indirectly involved in anti-partisan activity in Yugoslavia were reason enough for the United States to declare Waldheim a persona non grata.

Canada and most of the Western European nations have not gone quite so far but they have let it be known informally that the Austrian president will not be receiving any state invitations from them.

That is exactly as it should be because shutting the door on Waldheim is an act of self-respect, a repudiation of the modern barbarism which scourged the earth in the third and fourth decades of this century.

Apparently the Vatican operates on the principle that meetings with individuals convey no political or moral endorsements. Because of this policy, Vatican officials have expressed sadness at the outraged response of the Jewish community to the encounter between the Pope and Waldheim.

It is the moral astigmatism of the Vatican, however, which is a cause for sadness, for it is impossible to separate a man and what he stands for. Under the Vatican's political and moral philosophy it would be perfectly possible for the Pope to hold an audience with the devil!

The Pope's unfortunate encounter with Waldheim is but one of a long line of insensitive acts which the church has directed at the Jewish people. As Arthur Hertzberg said recently: "We are ever more convinced that in the Nazi era and in the immediate years thereafter, the church worried more about fleeing Nazis than about dying Jews.

"Pope John Paul II continues to withhold diplomatic relations from Israel. He recently beatified Edith Stein as a Catholic martyr when all Jews, including members of her family, and many Catholics said publicly that the death of this nun of Jewish origins was part of the Nazi persecution of the Jews . . ." (New York Times, June 21).

In view of the Pope's readiness to meet with Kurt Waldheim, a meeting scheduled in September of this year between representatives of the American Jewish community and John Paul II should be canceled.

Vigilante action

We agree with the sentiment expressed by Israel's President Chaim Herzog when he criticized the "dangerous phenomenon" of people taking the law into their own hands.

The Israeli head of state was referring to vigilante action undertaken recently by Jewish settlers from Kiryat Arba who stormed the Dehaishe refugee camp in the administered territories (CJN June 25).

The immediate provocation, according to informed sources, was the injury inflicted on a Jewish woman by a stone thrown from the camp.

The response of the 50 settlers who obstructed Israeli soldiers and who attacked the camp with guns, rifles and stones (after blocking the Jerusalem-Hebron highway) was hardly calculated to inspire respect for the hardy Jewish pioneers who have made their homes in the territories. The pogrom carried out at Dehaishe by a tiny group of uncontrolled people is a moral blot on the integrity of the settler movement.

It is to the credit therefore of The Council of Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza Districts that a condemnation of the Dehaishe rampage was issued.

Members of Gush Emunim and other settler groups are undoubtedly correct in stressing the fact that because of a rising wave of Arab terrorism, Israel's security forces will have to take stronger measures to protect its citizens.

In the meantime no individual or group has the right to arrogate to themselves the administration of justice. "It is inconceivable that civilians, whatever their motives, act instead of security forces," reads the statement of the Settlers' organization.

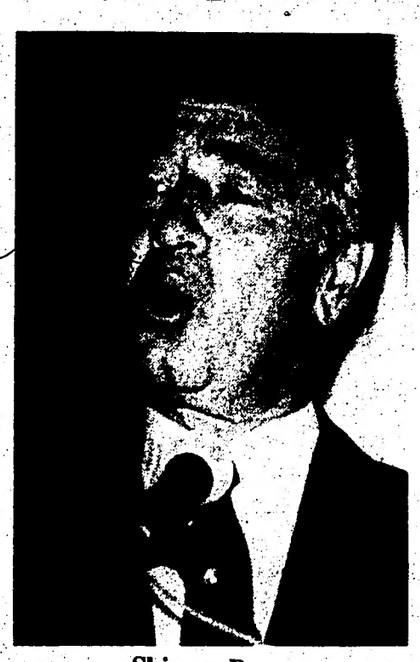
The State of Israel cannot permit private armies to exact retribution as they see fit.

Israel's government of disunity

National paralysis arrives

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Yitzhak Shamir



Shimon Peres

Three years ago, soon after the Israeli election, Labor Party leader Shimon Peres was asked whether he would agree to join forces with Likud in a coalition government.

Peres, playing the part of the coy, hard-to-get politician, implied that he had not seriously considered the option.

Having partially fended off inquisitive reporters with this disingenuous rejoinder, Peres remarked that a unity government would be a prescription for "national paralysis."

Despite his misgivings, Peres joined Yitzhak Shamir in political matrimony. And as it happened, the first 25 months of their marriage of convenience were not uneventful. In spite of a number of crises, the cabinet pushed through an economic reform package that seems to have tamed inflation, withdrew all but about 1,000 troops from the quagmire of southern Lebanon, and improved chilly relations with Egypt by taking the nettlesome, but minor, Taba issue to international arbitration.

Such successes have not marked the government's second term. From the looks of it, Israel is saddled with a government of *disunity*, with a government numbed by the paralysis Peres spoke of in 1984 and riven by a succession of scandals that have either ripened or suddenly burst into the open.

In the six months since Foreign Minister Peres and Prime Minister Shamir exchanged jobs as part of their agreed upon rotation, public confidence in the government has declined sharply.

According to the latest Smith Research Centre poll, the proportion of those satisfied with the government's performance has fallen from 63% to 32%. Paradoxically, however, a substantial majority of Israelis, their dissatisfaction notwithstanding, want the government to serve out its term.

What does it all mean? The long and short of it is that Israelis, being intrinsically conservative, are in no mood for an election at this particular juncture.

Still, observers wonder how long they can put up with the paralysis that will probably force a breakup of the government.

The totally unnecessary — and ridiculous — crisis over the ambassadorial post in Washington was symptomatic of the crisis.

For nearly half a year, no successor could be found for Meir Rosenne, an accomplished diplomat who was often bypassed by Peres and Shamir in their endless quest to score points with the Reagan administration. Rosenne was supposed to leave the U.S. in January, but to Israel's embarrasment, he kept postponing his departure because Shamir repeatedly rejected candidates suggested by Peres.

Finally, last month, the deadlock was broken when Moshe Arad, the envoy to Mexico, was chosen to succeed Rosenne. That prompted Abba Eban, the chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee, to quip: "His (Arad's) major qualification is the fact that he got those two people (Peres and Shamir) to agree."

But the flap over the succession in Washington was really a trifling matter compared to the bitterness triggered by Peres' proposal to convene an international peace conference on the Middle East.

International peace conference triggers bitterness between Peres and Shamir

An outright farce developed as Peres and Shamir shamelessly squared off over their diametrically opposed visions of a peace settlement.

One incident in mid-May highlighted the divisiveness. Shamir's office instructed the foreign ministry to inform Israeli embassies that Peres no longer had a mandate to pursue an international conference, whereupon Peres' office killed the message and dispatched its own cable claiming that the idea was still alive.

The battle of the messages, which set a dubious precedent in the annals of Israeli diplomacy, broke out after an inconclusive cabinet meeting. Peres, eager to get the peace process well on its way, sought inner cabinet approval for his initiative. But, realizing that an impasse loomed, he declined to bring the issue to a formal vote.

Having humbled Peres, Shamir claimed victory, declaring that "the subject of an international conference is finished."

Unfazed by this setback, Peres next attempted to cobble together a Knesset majority to call new elections. Shamir, unwilling to test his flagging popularity at the polls, headed off Peres' challenge by securing the support of Yitzhak Peretz, a former cabinet minister, in return for the promise of religious legislation that has already outraged mainstream Jewish opinion in the U.S.

The matter does not end there. Peres is tenaciously pressing his initiative for an international conference, even though the idea is, for all practical purposes, dead.

Last month, after Peres told a top-ranking United Nations official that "the government has not decided either way on the conference," Shamir contradicted him by saying that he, Peres, has "no mandate" to discuss it.

Although Peres and Shamir clearly dislike each other, it is plain that they, in conjunction with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, have banded together for sheer survival in the face of a succession of scandals.

Peres, Shamir and Rabin, who form the so-called "Prime Minister's Club," are the most powerful and influential personalities in the cabinet. All three have been associated with the major scandals that have convulsed the government of late.

In the first scandal, wherein Shin Bet officials killed two Palestinian bus hijackers after capturing them alive, Peres and Rabin sided with Shamir in the attempt to protect Shin Bet's chief from any punishment. The troika also pressured the attorney-general to resign, blocked a judicial investigation and arranged pardons for those who had been implicated in the crime.

In the Izat Nafsu scandal, which has yet to run its course, a Supreme Court decision absolved a Moslem army officer of treason and ruled that the Shin Bet had supplied false testimony to convict him. The Nafsu case, which demonstrated the government's lack of control over Israel's domestic intelligence service, forced Shamir and company to order a judicial inquiry.

The Jonathan Jay Pollard affair, which rocked Israel's close relationship with the U.S., produced two mild investigations that effectively cleared the Israeli leadership of any knowledge of or involvement in the spy case.

The government accepted its conclusion that the entire cabinet had been collectively responsible for the fiasco, prompting one Israeli daily to editorialize in a headline: "Everyone is guilty, so no one is to blame."

As the Pollard case unfolded, Peres, Shamir and Rabin backed each other in asserting that they knew nothing of the operation and in blatantly supporting the promotion of two Israelis who had participated in the espionage ring.

In the Iran arms scandal, the focus of much attention in Washington, several Israelis, including the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, were intimately involved from the very outset.

Shamir, Peres and Rabin initially insisted that Israel was blameless. But as the facts were revealed, they reluctantly acknowledged Israel's role, which may be greater than imagined.

The scandals point to one incontrovertible fact — namely that no official parliamentary opposition exists in Israel today. If Labor and Likud did not command an overwhelming majority in the Knesset, its leaders would not have been able to survive the scandals that have hit the government. Under present circumstances, the government has no need to answer to anyone, since the opposition cannot win a vote of no-confidence.

Parliamentary democracy, as it is understood in Western countries like Canada, the U.S. and Britain, has been rendered impotent in the Jewish state.

And this, more than anything else, is probably the saddest aspect of the troubles through which Israel is now passing.

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Opinion

Saying nothing would be a cover up

PTL scam illustrates dangers in religion business

By
RABBI HAIM KEMELMAN

The reading is compelling, the stuff of which high tension, suspenseful novels are made. Or is fact defying the wildest imagination in fiction? It was in the daily press, visual media, magazines and stretching into late hours of ABC's Nightline program.

The charges and countercharges fly back and forth. "Hostile takeover," cries the plaintiff. "No," retorts the other. "When you consider the condition . . . is like accusing someone of stealing the Titanic just after it hit the iceberg."

Reading and hearing all this, you might suspect a high corporate multi-million dollar dispute. You're right. But the drama is played out on the religious background of public ministry, with ministers of God in the embroilment of big business.

It's in the passionate bickering between Rev. Jerry Falwell, openly exchanging public accusations with Rev. Jim Bakker over the PTL television ministry.

This is a shame and a hurt to all of us, whether we belong to this evangelical movement, that denomination or another faith.

Far from being in the role of casting a stone from the outside, I consider myself part of the problem — all of us of all faiths, in religious ministry — having succumbed to accommodating religion to the new lifestyle, at all cost. All too often, we have pandered after popularity at the expense of conscience, aiming to please the flock at all cost, until we lose the sense of our values, trading our highest ideals for molten images of celluloid broadcasts; and forgive me, sometimes in acting out theatrics on the stage, instead of holding on steadfastly to the higher ground of altar's standards.

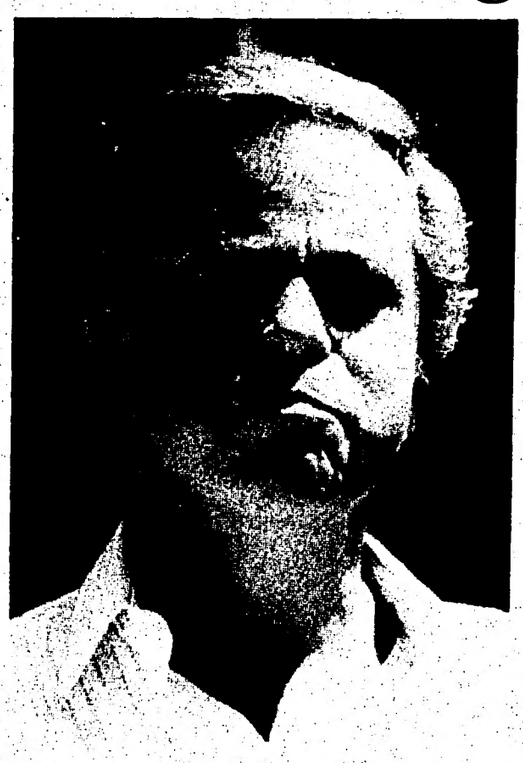
Heaven forbid to cast myself in the role of the accuser, but heaven help me if I succumb to what biblical condemnation describes as "the apathetic of Zion," who see much and hear much of the scandalous, standing by and saying nothing.

Of those the prophet Jeremiah contemptuously cries out in bitter indictment: "The priests said not: 'Where is the Lord?' And they that handle the law knew Me not. And the shepherds betrayed Me. The prophets also prophesied by Baal . . ."

Saying nothing for the larger religious community leaders would be the equivalent of a religious Watergate coverup; worse perhaps, a hell's-gate dig-in of a religious conspiracy.

We all feel compassion and understanding for the shut-ins, who find comfort in religious ministry, even if it's by proxy of television. We can recognize a measure of theatrics in such long distance and remote control pastoral care via TV and understandably forgive. But to turn religion into a business of a multi-million dollar corporation and hear scandalizing exchanges within the ministry, making the headlines — isn't it the very case for Jeremiah's blistering prophecy of the shepherds who have betrayed the Divine and the people that followed them? Scandal on the high altar of ministry?

How does a certain Jessica Hahn, 19-year-old church secretary come to bedding with the preacher, while in his hour of truth he stands on the exalted altar of TV ministry, delivering holy sermons directly from God to the people, unfazed and unblushing? Stabbing the finger deeper into Rev. Bakker, Rev. Falwell adds such revelations (confirmed and witnessed) of homosexual advances, the riches of $1.9 million in salary last year, with an extra $640,000 "spending money" from a special account for which PTL officials have found no record. Poor preacher of high wealth! Poor folk of pompous preaching!



Jim Bakker

Tammy Bakker

Worse than making God a household God, is making Him an empire God, buried in corruption and waste, while the people, poor people, poor charitable donors may part with their last 5 or 10 dollars from their meagre Social Security allotment, in the name of God's ministry.

I believe in God with all my heart as I believe in forgiveness, but neither was I asked to mediate this scandalous pastoral quarrel, nor would I know how. Yet, the blame, the shame and hurt goes to all of us — regardless of religious affiliation. For we are not so completely outsiders to the problem. We, in our modern society, are part of the problem by having diluted ethical religious values, permitting religion to turn into a business as easily as we turn business into a religion.

Jewish writers struggled to overcome barriers

By
BERNARD BASKIN

How is the Canadian Jewish Novel to be evaluated? Can we regard it as distinctive, valuable, enduring? Which novels will be read with pleasure and profit a generation hence?

As you might expect, the critical estimates vary considerably. A number of Canadian critics are lavish in their praise of the Jewish strain and sensibility in Canadian writing. Others, less enthusiastic, suggest that everything noteworthy in Canadian Jewish writing can be exhausted in two weeks of sustained reading.

In any case, Jewish writers had to struggle against multiple handicaps, they had to overcome numerous barriers to achieve recognition, to find a place to stand on the literary landscape.

To begin with there was the paucity of numbers. As recently as the late 19th century, Canada had fewer than 2,500 Jews. It is true that over 100,000 co-religionists arrived here in the first two decades of the new century. But like immigrants generally they were almost totally involved in making the requisite adjustments to an unfamiliar and sometimes perilous way of life.

Elaine Newton of Toronto's York University effectively depicts the immigrant era: "Burdened by old-world attitudes and influences, yet struggling to be accepted by and to accept the not always understood or even desired new culture, the Jew walked a tightrope, balancing the remembered claims of his forefathers and the ambiguous demands of the alien environment. He was the proverbial stranger in a strange and harsh land."

During the 1920s and 1930s there were so few Jewish graduates of Canadian schools, especially universities, that the emergence of English language Jewish writers was most unlikely. Even in the U.S. where mass immigration of East European Jews began in the 1880s, a significant literary expression in English did not emerge until 40 years later.

In the 1920s and 30s, and even later, the norm in this country was a predominantly Anglo-saxon, non-multicultural culture. "It coexisted with pockets of ethnic and minority culture, but the two rarely met. Only in the 1950s and 1960s were there tentative attempts to bridge the gap."

Montreal, where half of Canadian Jews settled, was a veritable enclave, a largely closed society where all the influences were inward and centripetal. This made for attitudes that were parochial and confining.

In time the distinctiveness and colorful nature of Montreal Jewry with its shared sentiments of warmth, nostalgia and traditional values would lead to exuberant creativity. Montreal and Winnipeg, which were ghettoized communities, eventually produced the Jewish writing that mattered. But in the early years these communities effectively smothered the artistic urge. How could sophisticated writers emerge from a milieu so uncongenial?

But emerge they did, gradually but defiantly. Montreal, in time, became the primary centre for Canadian Jewish literature, with Winnipeg second and Toronto a poor third. A. M. Klein, Irving Layton, Leonard Cohen, Mordecai Richler, Saul Bellow, C. J. Newman, Naim Kattan, Norman Levine, Jack Ludwig and Miriam Waddington are all products of Jewish Montreal and Winnipeg.

In his first novel *Dangling Man*, Saul Bellow describes his childhood around St. Dominique St. "I have never found another street that resembled St. Dominique. It was in a slum between a market and a hospital. I was generally intensely preoccupied with what went on in it and watched from the stairs and the windows.

"Little since then has worked upon me with such force as, say, the sight of a driver trying to raise his fallen horse, of a funeral passing through the snow, or of a cripple who taunted his brother. And the pungency and staleness of its stores and cellars, the dogs, the boys, the French immigrant women, the beggars with sores and deformities whose like I was not to meet again until I was old enough to read of Villon's Paris, the very breezes in the narrow course of the street, have remained so clear to me that I sometimes think it is the only place where I was ever allowed to encounter reality."

In 1978, in Calgary, at the Conference on the Canadian Novel, the results of a controversial mail ballot were announced. Participants had been asked to select from a list of over 200 novels, the 100 they considered most significant and "that can serve as a guide to those interested in the masterworks of our literary tradition." In addition, participants were asked to choose "the 10 best Canadian novels yet written."

Setting aside some of the problems inherent in such a perilous enterprise, let me indicate the novels by Jews that were chosen on the list of 100. They came to nine, four of them by Mordecai Richler: *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz, St. Urbain's Horseman, Son of a Smaller Hero* and *The Incomparable Atuk*. Two were by Leonard Cohen, *Beautiful Losers*, and *The Favourite Game*. The others were *The Sacrifice*, by Adele Wiseman, *The Second Scroll* by Abraham M. Klein and *The Rich Man* by Harry Kriesel. Two of these nine novels, incidentally, have no Jewish content.

Among the 10 best, only *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* found an honored place.

The themes of the Jewish novel are wide-ranging: the adjustment and accommodation of the immigrant to Canadian life, nostalgia for an irretrievable culture and lifestyle, generational conflict, the tension between spiritual and religious values on the one hand and the lure of material satisfactions and secular society on the other, the meaning and quest for Jewish identity, strategies of survival, the trauma of the Holocaust, the impact of the State of Israel.

What about the future of the Canadian Jewish novel? There will always be room for the individual talent who is compelled to write out of his own strong sense of identity and consciousness — out of his own particular area of Jewish experience. Undoubtedly, as time goes on, there will be an increasing number of writers, technically able to delineate the Jewish themes of tomorrow — whatever they will be.

But it is safe to assume that the breadth and depth of Jewish traditional knowledge on the part of these writers will be limited and meagre. Unhappily there is little or no Jewish intellectual life in this country and the sources of inspiration will be limited as acculturation of the community to middle-class values is accelerated.

Israeli trip remembered

By
ELAINE KAHN

Exactly 10 years ago this week, I began my first visit to Israel. What strikes me most, in retrospect, is how completely unprepared I was for it.

I was the only non-student in a group of 16 people involved in Jewish education or graduate studies. The 2-month trip started well enough, with things I could understand, like the schmaltzy music El Al played upon landing in Tel Aviv which, of course, made me cry on cue. I continued crying when informed I could stay in the same dorm as my husband only if I took the ulpan with the others. So much for exploring Jerusalem by myself — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. six days a week we were in class. Most evenings we had homework!

From 2 to 5 p.m., when real Israelis (with whom we had little contact) had siesta, we toured Jerusalem and the surrounding area. I remember sweating a lot.

I remember Hezekiah's Tunnel and the City of David excavations, Nebi Samuel and the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University. I remember the synagogues of the Old City, David's Tower and enough ruins to make me even sicker than our decrepit dorm's so-called food.

And I remember most that none of it meant much to me. My Jewish knowledge was so minimal that the sweating and the aching honestly did mean more to me than what I was seeing.

This is most obvious in a photo taken during a side trip to Masada. Even for someone as unphotogenic as I am, it is a lousy picture. Written all across my face is: "A hill? I have to get up at 2.30 a.m. and leave the first decent hotel I've been in all summer to drive two hours just to climb a hill?"

The story was the same all over the country — the jail in Acco was just a jail, the Jordan a mere stream, Jaffa a place to party. The political system was incomprehensible, the Bar Kochba papers at the Shrine of the Book left me cold, Ramat Gan made me sweat.

The turning point was at the Western Wall. I am not the world's most uninhibited person — it is not in me to pray with swaying fervor, kiss the ground or stuff notes into the cracks between the stones of a wall. It is more like me to wonder why someone with an eye for business has not yet captured the Kotel concession, selling paper and pencil to those tourists who have come unequipped with anything to write wishes on.

Yet it took me three visits to the Kotel plaza before I could walk up to the Wall and, after several agonizing minutes, touch it. Partly I had been paralyzed by anger at the division, even there, between men and women. Mainly, I felt unworthy. Who am I, I thought, to approach such a revered place, to touch the weight of Jewish history? Only the knowledge that that weight is made up of other ordinary people like me finally propelled me forward.

It was an extraordinary moment. Unfortunately for my spiritual life, I've found no experience over here that comes close. Since I have no plans to make aliya, I say "next year in Jerusalem" rather fervently at Pesach.

I've learned a lot since that first trip, though touring ruins is still not my idea of a fun date. One of the joys I anticipate in taking my day-school educated children to Israel in a few years is that they will understand immediately what they are seeing and will be so excited it will seem almost an invasion of privacy to witness their delight.

To those of you traveling to Israel this summer, a safe journey and that kind of enjoyment.

Opinion

Israel homeland plans hammered out in Basel

Early Zionist history lives in charming Swiss city

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

BASEL, Switzerland —

Basel, Switzerland's charming city on the Rhine River, is where it all began for modern Zionism.

It was here, in August of 1897, that the first Zionist Congress met under the leadership of Theodor Herzl. And it was here where Herzl, in a remarkable display of prescience, noted in his diary:

"If I were to sum up the Congress... it would be this: At Basel I founded the Jewish State. If I said this aloud today, I would be greeted by universal laughter. In five years perhaps, and certainly in 50 years, everyone will perceive it."

Amazingly enough, he was right. Five decades later, on Nov. 29, 1947, the United Nations voted to partition Palestine, and Israel was born.

A Jewish visitor who ventures to Basel today will have no trouble finding the sites associated with the historic Zionist Congress.

You can drop by at the Stadt Casino where the delegates assembled and debated the issues of the day. And you can inspect Herzl's room at the nearby Hotel Des Trois Rois (Die Drei Konige Hotel), where the Viennese journalist stayed when the Zionist Congress was in session.

Furthermore, you can visit Switzerland's only Jewish museum in Basel, where the borders of Switzerland, France and West Germany converge.

Contemporary Basel, which has named one of its streets after Herzl, is cognizant of its place in Jewish history. Indeed, Basel's tourist board makes every effort to attract Jewish travellers to this city, whose medieval core is considered one of the architectural wonders of Europe.

Last year, 700,000 tourists visited Basel. And while no one knows how many of them were Jewish, it has been established that 15,500 were Israelis. Many of the Israelis arrived in Basel, a former centre of Hebrew printing, clutching a Hebrew-language copy of a pamphlet about the city produced by the local tourist board.

Dennis Rhein, the board's Swiss-born Jewish vice-director, originated the idea of the Hebrew pamphlet as a promotional device. Basel, despite its beauty, is often bypassed by tourists heading for Zurich — the gateway to Switzerland — or the incomparable Alps. "We're a little bit away from the main centres," he said in an interview in his office overlooking the Rhine, one of Europe's mightiest rivers.

Although Rhein is not certain how many Israelis have been attracted to Basel on the strength of the Hebrew pamphlet, he allows that it has helped business. No doubt about it, the Israeli market is important. Later this month, Rhein will be in Israel to prepare for the visit of a Basel delegation in October. And obviously, the purpose of the trip will be to underline Basel's importance as a destination for Jewish tourists.

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Basel's Jewish community, Switzerland's second largest, dates back to the 13th century, when Basel was a German free city.

Jewish residents were under the protection of Basel's ruling bishops and were given relative freedom. But during the period of the Black Death, the situation changed drastically as Jews were accused of poisoning wells. In 1349, 600 Jews were burned at the stake and 140 Jewish children were forcibly baptized. Thirteen years later, with the arrival of Jews from Alsace, the community was rebuilt. But they, too, fled in fear of renewed persecution.

Until the beginning of the 19th century, no organized Jewish community existed. However, from the mid-16th century, a few individual Jews were granted temporary residence permits, only to be expelled again.

From the late 16th century, Basel became a leading centre for Hebrew printing, when the Psalms, the Bible and the Talmud were published by Christian printers employing Jewish proofreaders.

The founders of the present Jewish community, officially the third, were Jews from Alsace and Eastern Europe who consecrated their first synagogue in 1868, two years after Swiss Jewry was granted full civic rights.

During the Holocaust, the community sheltered Jewish refugees fleeing Nazism. Today, 1,500 Jews live in Basel.

The community was considerably smaller when Theodor Herzl and 161 other delegates from all over the Jewish world converged on Basel for the first Zionist Congress. It was to have been held in Munich, but opposition from anti-Zionist Jews prompted Herzl to consider Basel.

They gathered in the Stadt Casino, a concert hall at 8 Blumenrain which lies in the shadow of the imposing Barfusser Church. A restaurant and outdoor cafe adjoin the casino, and during the summer months they are filled with mostly young people, few of whom are aware of what transpired next door 90 years ago come Aug. 29.

There is not much to see in the casino, save for a black plaque in German and Hebrew commemorating the event. But that it was crucial to the success of the Zionist movement is undisputed.

The Basel Program, which formulated plans for the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine and united the diverse body of Zionists, was hammered out in Basel.

Further Zionist Congresses took place in Basel in 1898, 1899, 1901, 1903, 1905, 1911, 1927, 1931 and 1946.

Herzl, who died in 1906, was put up at the beige and white Hotel Des Troi Rois, in a functional rectangular room with a balcony affording an exquisite view of the Rhine. There is a famous black-and-white photograph of the great man, attired in a severe suit, leaning over the railing and gazing pensively at the seemingly still river.

Eager to see Herzl's room (number 126), I asked the reception clerk in the immaculate lobby whether someone could take me up.

The staff is accustomed to such requests. "We have about three or four visitors every month," said one of the clerks. Israeli President Chaim Herzog, during his state visit to Switzerland in April, was among the curious.

Within several minutes, I found myself in a comparatively small, manifestly modest room with a single bed, a desk and two stuffed chairs. Indulging me, the clerk opened the door to the balcony, and I stood where Herzl had stood all these years ago.

I must confess I felt somewhat giddy.

The clerk, a sharply-dressed blond woman, obligingly took my picture. As I looked down at the Rhine, I compared the scene to the old photograph in which Herzl appeared.

The vista was not all that different — the Middle Ages bridge linking the banks of the Rhine is still there, but some of the trees on the right bank have been cut down and supplanted by buildings.

Hotel Des Trois Rois, founded in 1026, is supposedly Switzerland's oldest hostelry. The people who've stayed there comprise a who's who in European history — Napoleon, Metternich, Voltaire, Charles Dickens, Gen. Bernard Montgomery.

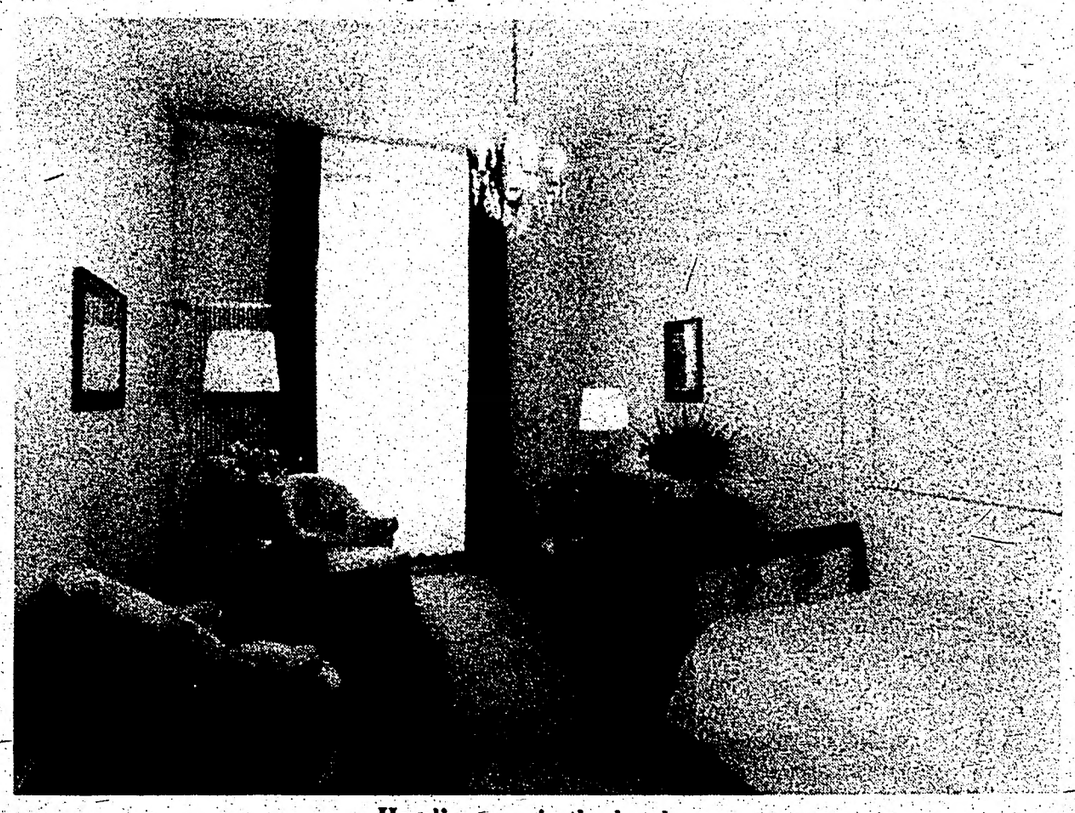
In perusing its fancy 4-color catalogue, I was not surprised to read that the hotel made much of its distinguished guests of yore, but I was surprised that Herzl had been left out of its pantheon of famous visitors.

As in the past, rates at the hotel are steep. Herzl's room, for example, is $167 U.S. per day. But that's Switzerland.

It was time to pay a visit to the Jewish Museum on the Kornhausgasse.

Theodor Herzl at the Hotel Des Trois Rois.

The plaque in the Stadt Casino.



Herzl's room in the hotel.

Jewish museum has memorabilia, religious objects from every era

Consisting of two rooms, with a courtyard displaying ancient Hebrew tombstones of long-forgotten rabbis, the museum opened 21 years ago. In 1986, 5,083 visitors passed through and among them were two Torontonians and two Israelis based in Toronto who had signed the guest book — Irving and Esther Matlow of St. Clements Ave. and David and Lily Barr of Avenue Rd. (David Barr is an official of an Israeli bank in Toronto.)

A wooden miniature in the Jewish Museum.

The museum contains Jewish memorabilia and religious objects from all eras: Torah pointers, skullcaps, marriage contracts, Chanukah lamps, circumcision pillows and instruments, Purim plates, matzoh covers, dreidels, wedding rings, meat brands, spice boxes, seder table goblets and the Book of Esther on a parchment scroll.

There are 14th century Swiss and German Hebrew Bibles, 19th century wooden figurines of Jewish cattle dealers, a 13th century letter taxing the Jews of Basel, a 14th century letter denying Jews the right to print texts in Hebrew, and a faded silk carpet with Hebrew lettering.

In another glass case, there is a montage of the first Zionist Congress, replete with the original program, four letters written by Herzl, the first edition of *The Jewish State* (Herzl's trailblazing work about Zionism), and a blowup photograph showing the delegates in cameo poses, with Herzl prominently in the centre.

The Holocaust is not ignored. Yellow cloth stars, with the word "Jude" emblazoned on them, as well as the identity card of a doomed Jew and postcards from the Lodz ghetto, can be seen.

The Jewish Museum is just one more good reason why a European-bound visitor should include Basel in his or her travel plans.

Opinion

Planet Mt. Sinai revisited

Medical advances have dispelled surgical fears

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My good uncle Eliezer says that a human being can be likened to an automobile. An automobile has to be brought to a garage for repairs every so often and with rising frequency as it gets older. A human being, he says, follows the same pattern; only he often arrives on his own power to a hospital for repairs. In both cases the objective is the same; to keep on going.

J. B. Salsberg

Uncle Eliezer also says that while we don't know what a car thinks or feels when it is brought and left in a garage, we do possess a fair knowledge of what human beings feel when they enter hospitals. It seems that much of the old fear of hospitals has sharply declined. Indeed, there is evidence to prove that some people like hospitals so much that they are not averse to extending their stay a bit longer than doctors think necessary.

Why, you may ask, am I reciting the obvious? Because I'm old enough to recall the period in everyone's life and, very specially, the life of our early Jewish immigrants from East European shtetlech, where hospitals were a rarity, when being "sent" to a hospital was considered the last stop before being dispatched to eternity.

Because of that long memory of mine I just can't stop wondering at the uneventful manner in which so many prospective patients arrive at hospitals; at how they "check-in" as if it were a hotel that they reached and how their friends or family join such guests to the assigned room, to inspect the accommodations that **their** hospital guest will be "enjoying."

(Of course, my dear friends, I know very well that there are other ways and other moods of patients arriving at a hospital, even today. But now I wish to emphasize the positive, the almost revolutionary changes for the better, that have taken place in those tremendously important healing and life-extending institutions, our hospitals.)

I'm prompted to direct your attention to our hospitals and to the glorious army of men and women — doctors, nurses, technicians administrators etc. etc. — because I recently spent two days and nights as a "guest" of Mount Sinai Hospital.

About five years ago I was the "guest" of the same hospital for 10 or so days. That was far more serious. Following that earlier stay I wrote a couple of columns giving a view of the world from the "Planet Mt. Sinai."

I suggested then that a patient sees the world outside as being less than rational and that the real sense of abiding values exists only inside the walls of that hospital (and in all other good hospitals, of course).

I saw miracles performed then every day by a most dedicated army of people. Now, after a 2-day sojourn on Planet Mt. Sinai I'm happy to report that miracles are still performed "routinely" on that planet as they most assuredly occur in other such life-saving and life-extending planets, where the laws and customs of the hurly-burly world do not prevail but where higher laws and customs dominate.

But, after my most recent and brief visit I feel somewhat cheated of the once universal opportunity to talk boastfully and endlessly about one's operation to everyone one knew. Now one can't even receive the sympathy that once was poured on people who returned alive from surgery.

It is most unfair! And I blame the surgeons themselves for reducing a patient's experience in the surgery theatre to a commonplace event. Shame! Why, I remember when the removing of tonsils or an appendix were major operations and, as for the removing of a cataract from one's eye, that was a most serious experience.

I remember when my late mother had her cataract removed, quite late in life. She was hospitalized for two weeks under a most rigid regime. It was an event that the family and her numerous friends were totally immersed in.

Now, that her son needed the same operation, he found his surgeon, enriched with new knowledge and aided by new tools and techniques, removed what was necessary in a little more than an hour while the patient was not unaware of what was going on. (Indeed, in the midst of it all he asked the surgeon to speak a little louder to his assistants so that he could hear everything that was said.)

To add insult to injury he told the patient (me, that is) to go home after only two days! How can one make a big tzimmes out of such an operation?

In truth, I did try to make something out of my experience but failed miserably. After telling some people about my experience a smart Alec among them replied with a cynical smile on his face; "Oh, in the States they are all performed on an out-patient basis." That's not only chutzpah that's cruelty!

To the surgeons, the miracle workers, I say: OK, so you are miracle workers, but can't you make it appear more human-like so that a patient could also get something out of it, like a bit of sympathy from friends? Please, doctor, must you rob us of the traditional post-operation pleasures?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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FES' UP TO OUR SINS

It's time we 15 million Jews confessed to the horrible sins we've committed against our 5 billion Christian benefactors.

Who has caused in the past hurricanes and typhoons, earthquakes and grasshopper plagues? We Jews, of course.

Who were the thieves who stole the Lost Continent of Atlantis? You guessed it. Us.

Most recently, I've heard it said that a certain Chosen People are responsible for the scourge of AIDS. We despicable Jews again.

Before you and I begin cleansing our Jewish souls, I'd like to ask our inquisitioners one question:

How is it that so many of us Jews, who make up such a small speck of humanity, found time to drag ourselves away from our horrendous crimes and become doctors and physicists and scientists who made so many miraculous discoveries on behalf of humankind?

Arthur Brown
Toronto

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MOSES, TOO, USED VIOLENCE

Knowing extremely well the situation in Germany during the Hitler regime, I read with satisfaction Rabbi Gunther Plaut's recent reply to letter writer Dorothy Calder who accused him of using violence.

Having noticed her strong sense of justice, I would like to have her opinion in regard to the murder committed by our teacher, Moses, when he killed an Egyptian Kapo.

Why did the Lord not dismiss Moses for this act of unwarranted violence?

Dr. Julius Pfeiffer
Montreal

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TAKE A BOW, BEN

This is a belated letter to Ben Kayfetz to thank him for delivering a talk at McMaster University in Hamilton.

He took us back to 1954, telling us the story of how he helped put the anti-discrimination law through with the aid of Premier Leslie Frost.

He mentioned many names that I heard while I was growing up in Toronto.

I was sorry I couldn't stay for the question period afterwards.

I enjoy reading your newspaper very much.

Geraldine Perlman Shapiro
Hamilton, Ont.

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A TALE OF TALETELLER DAN

I think your readers would be interested in knowing that Dan Yashinsky, founder of the Toronto Festival of Storytelling and 1,001 Friday Nights of Storytelling, has recently been attending the International Storytelling Festival in Tel Aviv.

He has been representing Canada at the conference, with Ottawa's department of external affairs partially financing his trip to Israel.

This is quite an honor; his family and friends are proud of him.

Dan, who has been performing since 1973, calls himself a bard, troubadour, literary gypsy, spinner, weaver and folklorist. He tells tales of many lands, many of them from his own Jewish background.

Palomba Paves-Yashinsky
Toronto

Toronto storyteller Dan Yashinsky has been telling his tales on behalf of Canada at a yarn-spinner's festival in Tel Aviv.

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SHE LANDSCAPES SPACE

I read with interest Lori Smith's article, "Landscaping outdoor space," in your June 11 edition.

While it is true that landscape architecture is a relatively new profession in Canada, the practice of designing on the land is many centuries old dating back to Egyptian and Babylonian times.

The article advised people with considerably less money to spend on professional fees to seek out garden centres that offer garden design services.

Landscape architects are morally prohibited from performing both design and contract work due to conflict of interest. The landscape architect is to remain an objective consultant in order to best serve the client's needs and interests.

I would also like to state there are many firms, such as my own, which cater to clients willing to spend both under and over $15,000.

In fact, one of my greatest pleasures is a consultation with a client for an hourly fee. Many homeowners simply need an hour or so for some advice, ideas and information. Very few new homeowners have thousands of dollars to spend on their yards. Therefore, much of my work is developed for my clients on a do-it-yourself basis, or phased-in plans over a few years with low cost and low maintenance in mind.

Before Frederick Law Olmstead, the designer of Central Park in New York, coined the phrase, landscape architect, practitioners were mainly called landscape artists. Landscape architecture may be evolving into more of a science, but it is still predominantly an art.

Karen G. Anthony
Toronto

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SEEKS POGROM STORIES

I and my co-author (Anthony Read) are writing a new book on Hitler's Kristallnacht pogrom on Nov. 9-10 in 1938.

Part of this book will consist of first-hand accounts of the events of that terrible night.

While there is already a considerable body of such material in the public domain, there must still be people about who have stories to tell which have never found a wider audience than their immediate family circle.

If any of your readers have any particular memories of Kristallnacht, I would be grateful if they would write to me.

David Fisher
Cranley House
Cranley Green
Nr. Eye
Suffolk
England

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KUDOS TO GASNER

I wish to congratulate Cynthia Gasner for her recent sensitive and compassionate portrait of Phillip Wintrob, the 17-year-old youth leader at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, who died in a car accident while on a trip to Rochester.

Like a creative portrait painter, she immortalized a dearly beloved youth.

Basya Hunter
Toronto

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PRAISE FOR PEDAGOGUES

Re J. B. Salsberg's recent column in praise of Yiddish teachers, and especially Joseph (Yoisef) Kligman:

I met Kligman when I was engaged to teach Yiddish in the I. L. Peretz School in Windsor, Ont., as a rookie graduate from the Montreal Jewish Teachers Seminary.

Upon arrival, I was greeted by an intense, sensitive, no-nonsense and committed gentleman who I always considered my teacher, my colleague and my friend.

My everlasting impression of this towering pedagogue of medium physical stature was my first day in his "office." Actually, it was an upstairs classroom divided with pupil desks on one side and mounds of mimeographed stacks of paper on the other.

My first thoughts were: Oy vey, what a slop!

However, closer examination of these stacks truly showed the calibre of educator Kligman was.

Creative holiday material, song sheets and manuals, teaching aids for the junior and senior grades, Jewish history notes, biblical anecdotes, Israel materials . . . an unbelievable treasure!

Yiddish teachers were not easy to come by, so he set about to train his own graduates and also found time to give them positive criticism and direction.

If the name of I. L. Peretz still is heard in Windsor, though in another format, it is only because his perseverance, "akshanut" and intellectualism and education were his driving force.

He was the soul who kept the I. L. Peretz Shul going.

If he has not been properly recognized and remembered in Windsor or at the Borochov Centre in Toronto, then the loss and shame is theirs.

Joseph Kligman never sought the limelight. But those of us who knew him loved him, and as J. B. clearly notes, "a chaver to all — especially his students."

The Windsor and Toronto Jewish communities have much to thank him for. I certainly do.

Zave Ettinger
Executive Director
United Talmud Torahs
Montreal

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NEW GROUP REALLY NEEDED?

Canadian Jewry already has two agencies protecting us from the perils of anti-semitism: Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith Canada.

I see now that we have a third organization to rescue us from being tempted into an alien faith and from the dangers of Jews for Jesus.

I refer to the Simon Wiesenthal Centre and the remarks of its "Canadian representative," Sol Littman, as quoted in your June 11 article headed "Littman slams group's message" — namely his attack on a Jew for Jesus pamphlet titled Shop Til You Drop.

The Wiesenthal Centre is an agency based in Los Angeles with a negligible Canadian nucleus.

It started out as an organization dedicated to remembering the Holocaust. It branched out to the war criminal hunt. And it is now staking out a claim as a defence organization.

I ask you: Do we really need it?

There is enough "empire building" in our Jewish community already without giving publicity and recognition to a new claimant for community funds.

Harry L. Katz
Toronto

World-National

U.S. crackdown against criminal activities affects membership

Extremist hate groups' influence wanes: BB

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The influence of American far-right extremist hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), The Order and Aryan Nations has declined markedly and membership has reached the lowest point in 10 years, according to a recent report issued by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

According to the report, the decline of the hate groups is an outcome of a massive and sweeping federal crackdown against their criminal activities.

The report, The Hate Movement in America: A Chronicle of Violence and Disarray, revealed that KKK membership now stands at approximately 5,000 — down nearly 20% from its estimated total of more than 6,000 in 1984 and about half of what it was in 1981.

The ranks of neo-Nazis in America have also shown a 10 to 20% decline since 1984 to between 400 and 450.

The ADL, which has monitored Klan and hate group activity for decades, also reported that violence-prone, anti-semitic and racist groups such as The Order and Aryan Nations have been seriously weakened, with many of their leaders in prison or awaiting trial for criminal activity.

Criminal prosecutions of the organized hate movement in America have been triggered by a wave of extremist criminal violence in the past three years, which, according to ADL chairman Burton Levinson, has exceeded the amount perpetrated over the past 20 years. These included:

• Convictions and imprisonment by key members of The Order, Aryan Nations, as well as the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord, which are members of the so-called Identity movement that claims Anglo-Saxons are the "true Israel" and Jews are "of the devil."

Their leaders have been prosecuted for crimes, including several murders, the bombings of two synagogues, the attempted bombing a natural gas pipeline and numerous armed robberies.

• Indictments and pending trials of 10 hate-movement leaders charged with plotting to overthrow the U.S. government.

• Pending prosecutions of members of two violence-prone Identity groups in Arizona and Nevada on charges that include conspiracy to commit armed robbery and issuance of death threats against federal officials.

• Convictions of members of the Florida Realm of the United Klans of America for conducting illegal paramilitary training.

• Convictions of leaders and other members of the White Patriot Party, a hybrid Klan and neo-Nazi group centred in North Carolina — also in connection with proscribed paramilitary training and for conspiracy to acquire military weapons stolen from the U.S. army. The group recently changed its name to the Southern National Front.

In addition, there was a $7 million damages award against one of the largest Klan factions in this country, the United Klans of America, resulting from a civil lawsuit brought on behalf of the family of a Black teenager murdered by members of the organization in Alabama in 1981. As a result, recruitment has come to a halt.

The report, which was prepared by ADL's fact finding department under the direction of Justin Finger, director of the agency's civil rights division, said the extremists' criminal activity has stemmed in part from their sense of desperation over their failure to grow through propaganda techniques. The extremists' violence, in turn led to even greater isolation.

The report said the hate groups have tried in recent months to use racial tensions, such as those in Forsyth County, Ga., and Howard Beach, NY, as rallying points to unite and energize their beleaguered forces. But these events "have provided only brief periods of enthusiasm for activists rather than any lasting buildup in the ranks of the Klan and neo-Nazi groups," the report said.

In describing the current status of the U.S. neo-Nazi movement, the report said a major segment of it has experienced difficulties during the past two years. Two "heirs" of George Lincoln Rockwell, founder of the American Nazi Party, have changed the names of their organizations and moved their headquarters recently from Arlington, Va., to rural areas in West Virginia and Wisconsin.

One of these neo-Nazi groups, now know as the New Order, is the most direct successor of Rockwell's original organization. It has a hard core of 25 activists with dues-paying followers numbering about 100. The other, the National Alliance, is creating a racist compound in West Virginia under the name Cosmotheist Community Church. ADL has challenged the "church's" tax exempt status.

In addition to criminal prosecutions, the report pointed out, the extremists have also been weakened by a ban on the use of U.S. military bases as recruiting areas. The federal government issued a directive last September that prevents military personnel from engaging in activities sponsored by racist groups.

Moreover, passage of anti-paramilitary training laws in 18 states in the last several years — based on a model ADL statute — has helped reduce paramilitary training by organized hate groups to virtually nil, according to the report.

Israel expected to win U.S. missile contract

WASHINGTON —

Israeli companies are about to win a $100 million contract from the Pentagon for the development of a new anti-tactical ballistic missile, the Jerusalem Post reports.

Quoting American sources, the Post said the contract would represent a major breakthrough in U.S.-Israeli military cooperation and would be the largest-ever U.S. defence contract with Israel.

The report is particularly significant in the wake of the Iraqi Exocet missile attack on the U.S. frigate Stark in the Persian Gulf and the American ship's problems in defending itself.

In a story on the Stark incident, Time Magazine reported last week that Israel is developing an "anti-missile missile" known as the Barak which could overcome limitations of the frigate's weaponry.

Time said the Barak "is launched vertically into the air and then dives down to knock out a sea skimmer (a missile of the Exocet type) as far as several miles away." The magazine said the U.S. has contributed $10 million toward the project.

Confirming the Jewish state's progress with this technology, U.S. Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Defence Committee, recently told the annual policy conference of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee that Israel "is way ahead" in the development of anti-tactical ballistic missiles (ATBMs).

The Post said Israel Aircraft Industries and some other, smaller Israeli companies will be the main contractors for what is officially called the "Arrow" project.

In April, IAI held a very successful demonstration of its new ATBM technology at a U.S. military base at Huntsville, Ala.

It was that test which clearly played a major role in influencing the U.S. defence officials to approve the Israeli contract, the newspaper said.

Israel has been moving ahead with its own ATBM technology, largely to try to counter the threat posed by Soviet-made SS-21 and other ground-to-ground missiles in Syria.

Meanwhile, in a dispatch from the Jerualem Post Foreign Service, Ze'ev Almog, former commander of the Israel navy, says the Iraqi pilot's mistake in attacking the Stark shows that an air force cannot identify its targets without help from the navy.

Experience from Israel's past wars shows that some 100 ships are in the eastern Mediterranean within five days after hostilities begin, Almog said.

The United States, Soviet, British, French, and Italian navies come "to sit on the balcony and watch," he said. There are merchant and fishing vessels in addition to the enemy's ships, "so you really have to know whom you're shooting at."

Errors have been made when it should have been relatively easy to identify the targets, as when Israel attacked USS Liberty during the Six Day War he said. The Argentinians wanted to sink a British aircraft carrier during the Falklands War, and hit a cargo ship instead.

Fixed-wing aircraft, especially jets, pass over an area within seconds. They usually can detect ships but cannot be expected to identify them, Almog said.

The problem can be solved by the navy using sensors, including underwater devices, and helicopters that take off from landing pads on missile boats, he added.

Brain drain termed reaching serious level

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The brain drain from Israel is reaching serious proportions. According to a survey by the Association for the Study of Emigration, 224 of the country's senior scientists, all of them holding doctorates and specializing in the exact sciences, left Israel during the past year.

Most of them went to the U.S. and the remainder to Western Europe.

Five prominent scientists of the Weizmann Institute departed last month. They said they were going abroad because of the lack of proper working conditions here.

According to data provided by the ministry of immigration and absorption, 32,000 university graduates from Israel are presently working in the U.S. They include 8,000 engineers.

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Court ignored inequity of funding: Congress

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East and Canada West at the mercy of overwhelming majorities," wrote Madame Justice Bertha Wilson.

"Given the importance of denominational educational rights at the time of Confederation, it seems unbelievable that the draftsmen of the section would not have made provision for future legislation conferring rights and privileges on religious minorities in response to new conditions."

However, Zaionz stated, "any fairminded person looking at it has to agree there is a patent unfairness. Canada of 1987 is not the Canada of 1867. There is obvious discrimination here and this (Bill 30) is only an extension of that discrimination."

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education said: "We feel very strongly there was no attempt to deal with the inequity" our schools are faced with.

However, not everyone in the Jewish community greeted the decision with disappointment. Prof. Fred Zemans, who has participated in debates on the issue, said he didn't regret the court decision. Funding for Jewish schools should come from within the Jewish community, he said. Emphasizing he was speaking only for himself, he argued that funding for separate schools would undermine the public school system.

"It is in the best interests of the Jewish community to develop a strong public school system" and ensure Canada remains a multicultural society, he said.

Louis Lenkinski, a member of the Congress regional executive, said he expected the court decision, and he personally "has doubts" that Jewish schools should ask for government aid.

He maintained that the best route Congress should have taken was the political one. Government funding "is a social policy decision," he said, adding the predominant view in the Congress executive favored following the legal route as well.

Zaionz said Congress would resume its political lobbying efforts for funding for the secular portion of the Jewish system. That would amount to $25-30 million for the 20 Jewish day schools in Ontario, he said.

That is not an exorbitant amount considering Ontario's multi-billion education budget, he pointed out.

Zaionz noted that BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Newfoundland all fund separate schools to some extent, and the public systems there have not suffered as a result.

A recent survey conducted by Focus Ontario, a private polling company, found that 70% of Ontarians feel it is fair to fund independent schools if Catholic schools were to receive extended funding, Zaionz said.

Israel tries to stop heroin flow

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Police have ordered a drug alert in northern Israel in the wake of mounting evidence that Lebanon has become a centre for the production of heroin.

Special narcotics units are keeping watch on crossing points between Israel and the south Lebanon security zone. In the past few weeks several smugglers have been caught.

Last week a man was arrested in Nazareth with half a kilo of heroin which he said came from across the Lebanese border.

A senior police source said that farmers in the Baalbek region of the Beka'a Valley were growing opium poppies from which the raw material for producing heroin is harvested. There have been reports of Syrian troops attempting to destroy the plants which are a lucrative crop for their owners.

A narcotics squad officer said that small amounts of Lebanese-grown heroin had been filtering across the Israeli border since the 1982 Lebanon war. But now, he said, there were signs that the country was becoming a major source of supply.

"Until recently, smugglers had to get their heroin from Turkey, Iran or the Far East. This involved quite complicated maneuvers across the international frontiers before the stuff could arrive here. But now we have heroin right on our border," the officer said.

Drug smuggling routes from Lebanon are well-established. The country is one of the world's biggest producers of hashish and shipments of this drug regularly cross the border on their way to Egypt.

Missing Israeli found dead

SARNIA —

A decomposed body recently found is the St. Clair River has been identified as that of Amnon Reisner, the Ontario Provincial Police says.

The 24-year-old Israeli was last seen in the Sarnia area on Sept. 17. The body was discovered by a fisherman two weeks ago about 20 kilometres south of here.

Although the autopsy found no evidence of foul play, the OPP says the cause of death will not be announced until futher tests are completed.

Police theorize that Reisner, a trained diver and former member of the Israeli army, drowned while trying to cross the river to the United States, where he had been refused a visa. He had lived in California for six months last year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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to the

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June 1987

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World-National

Protesters gather in St. Peter's Square

Hangman's noose tells feelings of Waldheim visit

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time activities. As an intelligence officer in the German army occupying the Balkans, he was involved, according to a growing body of documentary evidence, in atrocities against Jews, other civilians and resistance fighters in Greece and Yugoslavia.

That wartime record, which has kept Waldheim in virtual diplomatic isolation until his reception by the Pope, was the target of the protestors — mainly Jews but also former members of the Italian resistance fighters and surviving deportees.

They carried a 6-foot model scaffold, complete with hangman's noose, to the edge of St. Peters Square to remind the world of the horrors of Nazi death camps.

Four American Jews, led by Rabbi Avi Weiss of New York, appeared in the striped garb of concentration camp inmates, yellow Stars of David sewn on the tunics, prayer shawls draped over their shoulders.

Among the demonstrators were Nazi-hunters Serge and Beate Klarsfeld, who helped track down war criminal Klaus Barbie in Bolivia. Barbie is currently on trial in Lyon, France, for crimes against humanity. The demonstrators, held back by cordons of police, shouted, "When will Barbie meet the Pope?"

Following the papal audience, the Waldheims, accompanied by Austrian Foreign Minister Alois Mock, were escorted by Vatican Secretary of State Msgr. Agostino Casaroli to a reception with foreign diplomats accredited to the Holy See.

The U.S., Britain and several other Western countries were represented by lower ranking diplomats.

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On the eve of Waldheim's visit, Albert Cardinal DeCourtray, the ranking Roman Catholic prelate in France, said he was pained by the audience granted by the Pope and failed to understand the rationale. He said he spoke for all French bishops.

DeCourtray, who as primate of Gaul is considered the head of the Catholic Church in France, said the meeting "shows a total misperception of Jewish sensibility."

He made his statement after visiting a temporary Holocaust memorial erected by the Jewish community of Lyon for the duration of the trial there of Barbie.

DeCourtray, who was accompanied by the Chief Rabbi of Lyon, Richard Wertenschlag, said: "Maybe I personally have a good perception of Jewish feelings because of my close relations with the Jewish community. I do not feel, however, that the meeting, though it will leave a scar, will adversely affect the rapprochement between Catholics and Jews for which we have labored these last few years."

In Israel, the visit was condemned by all parties in the Knesset, while Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir characterized it "as a kind of legitimization" of the crimes that Waldheim was accused of.

Shamir's remarks, made at a press conference, are likely to deepen the rift between Vienna and Jerusalem over the affair.

Austrian Foreign Minister Mock strongly rejected Israel's criticism of the visit and lodged a diplomatic protest.

In a television debate, Mock said he had instructed Thomas Klestil, his most senior aide, to summon Israeli charge d'affaires Gideon Yarden to tell him "that we don't put up with that."

Meanwhile, Waldheim was dealt a blow by the Vienna section of the Socialist Party.

After a stormy debate Saturday, the Vienna regional congress of the party voted 268-217 to demand that he resign. The Socialist Party is the senior partner in the coalition government with Waldheim's conservative People's Party.

The resolution proposed by the Federation of Socialist Freedom Fighters stated: "A president who camouflaged his biography and who speaks of having done his duty in the Hitler war is unacceptable."

Quick action sought on war crimes bill

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Congress, B'nai B'rith and the North American Jewish Students Network hailed the legislation.

Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn called the bill "a generic war crimes law" because "it deals with crimes wherever they were committed without reference to any particular set of events. It limits prosecution to citizens of a state engaged in an armed conflict with Canada.

"We want to get prosecution where prosecutions are possible," Hnatyshyn said.

The bill comes three months after the public release of the Deschenes Commission report on Nazi war criminals living in Canada. The report, two years in the making, called for the criminal prosecution in Canada of suspected Nazi war criminals and it gave the federal government a list of 20 suspects against whom it urged legal action. Justice Jules Deschenes, who headed the commission, also recommended the government continue investigation of 218 other cases.

According to Hnatyshyn, a team of eight justice department lawyers and three RCMP officers has been set up to gather evidence, but he said he had "no idea" when the first prosecution will be launched.

Under other proposals tabled by Hnatyshyn, the Immigration Act would be amended so that "in the future" people suspected of committing war crimes would not be admitted into Canada or may be deported if found here. That would apply to Canadian citizens who have been living elsewhere and who try to return to Canada to avoid prosecution.

When asked whether the legislation would apply to Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, Immigration Minister Benoit Bouchard said "that is a very delicate subject." Waldheim has been called a liar for concealing his wartime activities as a Nazi intelligence officer.

At a news conference in Montreal, Chalk claimed the stipulation that would allow immigration officials to refuse entry to suspected war criminals could apply to Waldheim.

The proposed legislation would also deny Canadian citizenship to people under investigation for war crimes.

At a Toronto news conference, Reitman said the proposed Code amendments make Canada a world leader in dealing with Nazi war criminals. Former Congress president Milton Harris said the government "now has the tools" to bring war criminals to justice and he expressed confidence that the government has the political will to do so.

Harris and Reitman discounted suggestions the proposals would heighten tensions between ethnic groups. Both Jews and East European groups wanted the matter dealt with in Canada, Harris pointed out. — **P.L.**

Levinsky may run for JA chairman

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Akiva Levinsky, the Jewish Agency treasurer, appears likely to be the Labor Party's candidate for the office of chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives when the World Zionist Congress convenes here next winter.

His challenger for the nomination, Uri Gordon, who heads the WZO's youth aliya department, was reported to be considering withdrawing from the race. The Confederation of General Zionists, the third largest bloc in the WZO after Labor and Herut, has indicated it would support Labor only if Levinsky is the candidate.

Kalman Sultanik, a leader of the confederation from the U.S., said his party would decide only after Labor and Herut nominate their candidates. He added, however, that the confederation has "deep respect" for Levinsky.

The new chairman will succeed Leon Dulzin, a Likud Liberal who was elected on the Herut ticket and is not seeking re-election.

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To. Hadassah president installed

Zeifman outlines her key projects

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Toronto Hadassah-WIZO is "the diamond in the crown" of the organization worldwide, said Lily Frank, national executive vice-president of the organization as the chapter celebrated its 70th birthday at an installation dinner at Beth Tzedec Synagogue recently.

"Members of Hadassah are ordinary people doing extraordinary things with a pride in Israel that is hard to describe in words," said Frank.

A highlight of the evening was the lighting of candles in the darkened ballroom by presidents of the Toronto chapters.

Taube Zeifman was installed as the new Toronto president by Muriel Small, past national president. A few minutes earlier glowing tributes were paid to Myrtle Coopersmith, outgoing president.

Zeifman, a former public school teacher, is the wife of Sol Zeifman, head of Maxwell Excavating. They have two children, Mitchell, 16, a student at CHAT, and Jennifer, 14, who attends Associated Hebrew Schools. The new president is a member of Aterret chapter.

In her first speech as president, Zeifman called on Hadassah-WIZO members to involve themselves even more deeply in the lives of women and children in Israel because of recent cutbacks in health services there.

"This is a confusing time in Israel," she said. "One day we read there is a possible peace treaty with Jordan and the next day there is a terrorist attack across Israel's borders."

Zeifman said there would be new and exciting fund raising projects in the coming year to help finance the network of social and educational services in Israel sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO.

The newest project is a kindergarten for Druze children who live in an isolated village near the Lebanese border, she said.

Among the several gifts to the new president was a contribution to a youth village in her name made by her family.

Coopersmith said her term as president was one of her most rewarding experiences. "What's life about if not to help others," she said. "We know all about that. Our volunteers are sought out by other organizations for their professionalism and skill."

She received a number of gifts, including a certificate inscribing her name on the Pillar of Gifts at Asaf Harofe hospital. Pat Alpert, a past president, described Coopersmith as a person "with a business head and a Jewish heart."

Before handing over the reins of office of the largest Jewish women's organization in Canada, Coopersmith introduced 10 past presidents.

Fran Sonshine, Youth Aliyah chairman, reported a 25% increase in funds raised this year and she commended the Youth Aliyah workers in all the Toronto chapters.

Donors to Project Enrichment who made gifts to specific schools and educational agencies in Israel were introduced by Ilse Seetner and Lena Rothberg and presented with lithographs.

Among those honored were Edith Sherman, Annette and Max Goldhar, Shirley Cutler, Malka and Avrom Ackerman, Jean Grossman and Eva and Ernest Brown who made the gift in honor of the 80th birthday of Clara Weinberger, her sister.

Marilyn Perlman was presented with a plaque in honor of her contribution to day care centres.

Other new officers installed were Celia Goldberg, recording secretary; Louise Rosenblum, corresponding secretary; Estelle Viner, treasurer and financial officer and Joan Kerbel, vice-president.

Greetings from Israel were brought by Ruth Abileah, wife of Israel's Consul-General. The invocation was by Belle James, a past Toronto chapter president.

Taube Zeifman, new president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO.

Holocaust group to hold seminar

TORONTO —
A seminar for high-school-level educators teaching Holocaust subjects is being sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region in Toronto, Aug. 9-12, 1987.

The seminar, which is offered with the cooperation of the University of Toronto, is open to teachers from all regions of Canada.

A registration fee of $125 per person includes meals and resource materials. Participants are responsible for the cost of travel and accommodation.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM HERMAN

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WE ARE GOING ON VACATION

It's that time of year again! The CJN staff is going on vacation the last couple of weeks in July and we will not be publishing the issues of July 30 and Aug. 6. That means that material for What's New and About People that would ordinarily appear in those issues must be included in the July 23 columns. (i.e. events up to Aug. 12). The deadline for that issue is 5 p.m. Friday, July 10. I will be at my desk all that day to receive your calls.

Friday, July 3

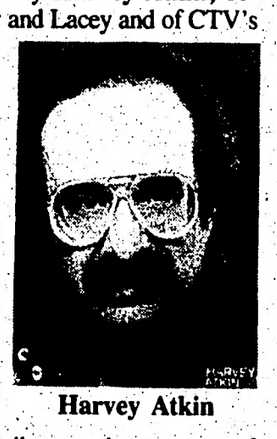
MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Kane** will be appearing at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 329 Walmer Rd., on Friday, July 3, at 2.15 p.m. in a program of Jewish and semi-classical music. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, July 7

YAD VASHEM CANADIAN SOCIETY

Canadian TV personality **Harvey Atkin,** co-star of the series Cagney and Lacey and of CTV's Pet Peeves, will address a cocktail reception of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem on Tuesday, July 7, at 8 p.m. at the home of **Rose and John Ziner**, 33 Post Rd. in Don Mills.



Harvey Atkin

He will speak on the importance of Yad Vashem, the Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem, which pays tribute to the memory of the Jews murdered in the Holocaust.

The Canadian Society is a non-profit organization with two goals — to sensitize the Canadian public to the importance of the institution and to raise funds so Yad Vashem can continue preserving the memory of the Six Million and complete several projects.

And What Else Is New...

SUMMER SERMONS PROGRAM

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation is continuing its summer sermons program during July and August. Participants will be **David Zuckerbrot, Ian Noy, Norman Silver, Sandra Ironi, Max Goody, Rabbi Arieh Ofseyer, Justin Beber, Ron Muroff** and **Allen Richman.**

SUMMER INFORMATION CENTRE

The North York Board of Education's successful Summer Information Centre is ready for its sophomore run.

For the second successive summer, North York residents can dial the centre at 229-2875 for general information on North York schools programs, services, or for transcripts of student marks.

This year, the centre will be open from July 6 to Aug. 21, Monday to Friday, from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. A secretary and guidance counsellor will handle requests for information. Walk in requests are also welcome. The centre is located at 70 Drewry Ave.

Last year, the centre fielded more than 4,000 phone calls over six weeks. In addition more than 1,000 transcripts were given to North York students preparing for college, university, or entering the work force.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Toronto will be meeting to begin cataloguing tombstone information at the Pape and Danforth cemetery. This will take place Wednesday, July 15. Everyone is welcome.

For more information and directions, call **Sylvia Morris** at 787-8982.

CONCERT IN THE ROUND

On Friday, June 10, following services, Temple Sinai's Our Musical Legacy program presents an Oneg Shabbat Concert in the Round. It features pianist **Galia Shaked** with violinist **Ruth Fazal** and cellist **Susan Green** in a program of works by **Haim Alexander, Paul Ben-Haim, Ernest Block** and **Dimitri Shostakovitch.**

Services begin at 8.15 p.m.

VEGETARIAN CONFERENCE

A special conference organized by the Toronto Vegetarian Association will be held in Toronto Wednesday, Aug. 5, to Sunday, Aug. 9, at the University of Toronto. The theme of the conference is Vegetarianism: A Taste of Tomorrow.

Of special interest is a plenary session on Friday, Aug. 7, at 2.45 p.m. dealing with Judaism and Vegetarianism with speakers **Roberta Kalechofsky, Richard Schwartz, Rabbi Noah Valley** and **Jonathan Wolf**, all from the U.S.

Also on Friday, a Shabbat kosher vegetarian dinner will be served at a nearby synagogue.

Among the many other events of interest will be a vegetarian religious panel discussion on Sunday, the 9th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For information and registration contact the Toronto Vegetarian Association at (416) 923-1933. The address is 28 Walker Ave., Toronto, M4V 1G2.

CREATIVE MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

The Creative Musical Variety Show, that popular group of senior entertainers from the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living under the direction of **Elaine Duff** assisted by **Anne Sussman**, performed at the Rotary Laughlin Centre, 110 Edward St. recently.

They will also be performing on Thursday, July 16, at the Harold and Grace Baker Centre, 1 Northwestern Ave., at 2 p.m.

The group rehearses every Wednesday morning from 10-11.30 at the Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The doors are open to everyone, so why not join in the fun. Call 222-0655 or 222-7422 to find out all about it.

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Am Echad Congregation will be holding High Holiday services at the new Promenade Mall Ciniplex Theatre at Bathurst and Clark Sts. in addition to its regular High Holiday services at the Markham Theatre at Warden and Hwy 7 and at Northview Heights Secondary School at Bathurst and Finch.

Membership seating is being allotted and non-members will also be welcome. For information, contact **Rabbi David Cooper** at Am Echad Congregation at 764-0014. Multiple family discounts will be available this year for membership and tickets.

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GOT A ROOM TO RENT?

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WINTER CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS

The City of North York public information office is searching for new organizations to join the 1988 City of North York Winter Carnival Organizing Committee.

The committee, which consists of volunteers representing service, social and recreational clubs, educational facilities and the business sector, will assist the city staff in planning and staffing more than 100 activities that will make up the 1988 carnival at Black Creek Pioneer Village on Feb. 12, 13 and 14.

Close to 60 organizations ranging from seniors clubs to local restaurants are already committed to participating in the 1988 carnival, but more groups are still required.

Volunteer organizations are under no obligation to fund any part of the activities. A budget is made available by the city for the purpose of funding events.

For information, call **Anna Di Ruscio**, director of information services at 224-6083.

HEBREW FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

The Downtown Jewish Community School, located in the Jewish Community Centre Bloor branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor), will be sponsoring a Hebrew for High School Credit class for public school students in grades 9 and 10. Basic knowledge of Hebrew is required.

Classes will be held Thursdays from 4.30-8 p.m., beginning Sept. 17. For more information, phone **Joan Schoenfeld** at 923-6213 or 924-6211.

TENNIS CAMP

The North York YMCA's tennis camp will be located at Bayview Village Park. The park is close to the YMCA, just north of Bayview and Sheppard and provides an excellent setting for youths 12-16 years old to improve their tennis skills.

Rainy days are no problem; instructions and individual video analysis will be held at the YMCA, 567 Sheppard Ave. E.

For more information, call the North York YMCA at 225-7773.

DESROSIERS DANCE THEATRE

Steven Levitan, chairman of the board of directors of Desrosiers Dance Theatre, has announced that the dance/theatre company will perform two shows at the Leah Posluns Theatre — Saturday, July 18, and Sunday, July 19, at 8 p.m. The performances are made possible through the Incentive Grant Program of the Metro Toronto Cultural Affairs Division.

Under the direction of **Robert Desrosiers**, the company combines dance, mime, tai chai, acrobatics, live music and elaborate special effects to delight audiences of all ages.

Tickets are $8 and $6 and may be purchased at all BASS outlets or at the Leah Posluns Theatre box office, 630-6752. The theatre is located at 4588 Bathurst St.

ART COURSES

Enjoy summer art courses at the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Arts in pottery (hand-building and wheel), drawing and painting, watercolor on location and stone sculpture.

The courses start the week of July 6, so enrol now. Call **Rose** at 636-1880, ext. 279.

JEWISH SPIRITUAL FOLK MUSIC

A concert entitled The Music of the Contemporary Jewish Spirit is set for Sunday, July 12. It is sponsored by the Jewish Student Federation and features **Shari and Skye Pelicrow** of Berkeley, Calif., singing contemporary Jewish spiritual folk songs, and Toronto's The Rebel Maidels, a Jewish feminist group.

It takes place at 8 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. Tickets are $6 at the door. For information, call JSF at 736-5178.

SURVIVING SEPARATION GROUP

A Surviving Separation group, under the sponsorship of Jewish Family & Child Service, will meet for six Tuesday sessions July 14-Aug. 18, from 7.30-9 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

The discussions will focus on coping with change, meeting new people and other concerns of being single again.

The fee is $35. Scholarships are available. For information, call JF & CS at 638-7800, ext. 283.

for seniors

The Jewish Community Centre Senior Adult Club has two interesting trips coming up. On Thursday, July 16, it's off to the races, leaving at noon and returning at 4.30 p.m. The price is $3.50 members, $4 non-members and includes transportation, admission and a free drink. The last day for registration is July 9...Then on Wednesday, July 22, there is the trip to Mennonite country (Kitchener-Waterloo region), leaving at 9 a.m. and returning 5-5.30 p.m. The cost of $16 members, $17 non-members, includes air-conditioned bus, visit to Farmers Market, St. Jacobs Village, a 2-hour guided tour of the Mennonite area, Elmira, Brox's old town village artisan shops, surprise extras and all gratuities. Lunch can be bought or bring your own. The last day for registration is Wednesday, July 15. Pick up and drop-off for all trips is at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. For information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program, a non-sectarian, free, supportive service for women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets every second Sunday from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator of this group is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting is scheduled for July 5. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Widows 70 and Over Program at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., meets every second Monday from 1.30-3 p.m. in the conference room. The next meeting is July 6. The coordinator is **Micky Zimmerman**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club is holding a general meeting on Sunday, July 5, at 1.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Come out and spend an enjoyable afternoon. Refreshments will be served. The charge is $1 members, $2 non-members. For information, call **Bess** at 783-3206.

JCC North-East Valley Club Chaverim, 7015 Leslie St., has meetings every Monday afternoon (excluding holidays) from 1-3 p.m. Come out and join this congenial group for bingo, games, movies, speakers and entertainment. For more information, call **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813.

Enjoy an evening of ballroom and line dancing with **Ada Goldblatt** on Wednesdays from 7.30-9 p.m. at **Earl Bales Senior Club** in Earl Bales Park (Bathurst and Sheppard). There is no charge.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club invites you to join in a summer outing at Cullen Gardens on Monday, July 13. The bus will leave at 9.30 a.m. from the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. The cost is $9 members, $10 non-members. For information and reservations, call **Lena Sugar** at 785-5773 or **Ruth Eknowitz** at 224-5923.

LZA Seniors Club meets daily from noon to 4 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., where members enjoy an afternoon of cards, chess and shuffleboard. Light lunches are available...Every Tuesday morning at 10 the Cultural Club discusses a topic of current interest. On July 7 **Meyer Mandel** will speak on Israeli current affairs.

Workmen's Circle Social Club will meet for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, July 7, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. For information, contact **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

Come join the **Young at Heart Seniors**, which runs from Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue,

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JVS' 40TH BIRTHDAY

Toasting a l'chaim to the Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto at its recent 40th anniversary celebrations are (from left) career and group counsellor Sandra Wise, executive director Bernard Berger and vice-president Beverly Lyons. [Graphic Artists photo]

Organizations and People

What's New

[Cont'd. from page 16]

for a lovely trip to the Catskills for eight days and seven nights at the Pines Hotel Aug. 9-16. Included are three kosher meals daily, special weekend entertainment, all kinds of dancing, sports, sauna, swimming, lectures, shopping trips, prizes on the bus, free draws and many more surprises. Note: hotel tax, maid service, bus fare and return are all covered for only $598 Canadian funds. Everyone is welcome. Call **Helen** at 635-6343 from 8-9 a.m. ot 7.30-11.30 p.m. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. call 462-0258. Or you can call the synagogue office at 633-3838.

Steeles West Market, 2375 Steeles Ave. W. (one block west of Dufferin) has inaugurated a daily senior citizens walk starting at 8 a.m. each and every day throughout the summer. The walk takes place over a measured mile through the indoor "streets" of the market in a circular route through the mall. If you want to know more about it, contact Steeles West Market at 663-9270.

A multicultural garden party is being held on the grounds of the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., on Thursday, July 9, from 1.30-3.30 p.m. Guests will include members of the Hebrew Club for the Blind and residents of the Elm Ridge Group Living Residence, Mon Sheong Chinese Home for the Aged, St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Centre and Villa Colombo. The program will feature **Sasha Starr** at the keyboard, singer **Mila Kanev**, and the Chai Dancers under the direction of **Teme Kernerman. Refreshments will be served. If it should rain, the program will be held indoors. This event is supported by friends and family of the late Lou Gilbert**. By the way, bring your sun hats for protection.

Also at the **Wagman Centre** this week is an afternoon tea on Sunday, July 5, from 1.30-3 p.m. and a concert presenting the Terrace Residents Variety Show on Tuesday, July 7, from 7.30-8.30 p.m. Both events take place in the Assembly Room.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) is offering a 3-session series on Women of the Bible with **Rabbi Deborah Brin**, beginning Monday, July 13, from 1.15-3.15 p.m.

This course is being given in cooperation with the North York Board of Continuing Education. They are free to all seniors over 65 and to all members of the centre. Non-members under 65 will be charged $2 per session.

The Wednesday afternoon social on July 8 features **Jeff King** in a program of songs and entertainment. That's at 1.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the program. The charge is $1.25 members, $1.75 non-members.

There is line dancing on Mondays at 9.30 a.m.

The health lecture on Thursday, July 9, at 1.30 p.m. will focus on How Our Society Handles Death with nurse **Greta Riddel-Dixon**.

Dance to the lively music of the Creative Band on Sunday, July 5, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. Admission is $2 members, $2.50 non-members.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. For information on rates and deadlines please call Karen at 422-2528.

By Membership only. Party for professionals and university grads. Saturday, July 18th. The Adelaide Club. For membership information call: High Society — 783-8520.

Beth Tikvah "Chai" Singles Group (35 and over) will be going to the races, at Greenwood, on Sunday, July 12. We'll enjoy an exciting evening sitting at an elegant glass enclosed dining room overlooking the track and the racing action. A marvellous buffet, taxes and gratuities are included in the $23 admission. Parking available. For more information and reservations, please call Barbara (494-5516), Rose (226-1854), or Issac (925-6572). Absolute deadline for reservations and payment is July 5.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents: Detroit/Toronto Singles Weekend. July 17-19. Friday Night — Oneg Shabbat, Beth Emeth Synagogue. Saturday Night — Cocktail Dance Party, Triumph Hotel. Sunday — Brunch, Weston Hotel. Sid 222-7111.

J.C.C. N.E. Valley Singles — 7015 Leslie Street. Tennis Round Robin & Dance. Sunday, July 5, tennis (own equipment) 7:00 p.m., dance 9:00 p.m., Tennis & dance — members $5.00, non-members $7.00, dance only — members $4.00, non-members $6.00. Disc Jockey & refreshments. Sally Kerbel 889-0813.

NEW ECRUSY PRESIDENT

Barry Levitt (left) was elected president of ECRUSY (Eastern Canadian Region United Synagogue Youth) at its convention held in Stratford, Ont. recently. He succeeds Justin Beber (right). Barry is a student at CHAT and will be entering grade 12 in September. [Mollie Rothman photo]

at the jcc

SAJAC Seniors (South African Jewish Association in Canada) of the Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley branch, is asking interested persons to book early for the Sunday, July 5, outing to Elora and Elmira, Ont. The tour starts at 9.30 a.m. The cost is $15 members, $17 non-members. For more information, call **Ethel Lifschitz** at 493-1041.

Sept. 10 will be the start of an innovative daycare program at the JCC. Daycare children, 3 and 4 years of age, will be integrated into the established nursery and junior kindergarten located at the North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. It will be open 52 weeks a year, Monday through Friday from 7.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. This is a unique daycare offering the children a stimulating program which will include drama, music, swim, gymnastics, Hebrew and Jewish culture through the celebration of holidays and weekly Shabbat services. Hot kosher lunches and nutritious snacks will be provided. Registration is now being accepted for September. For further information, call **Sarah Atkinson** at 636-1880, ext. 229.

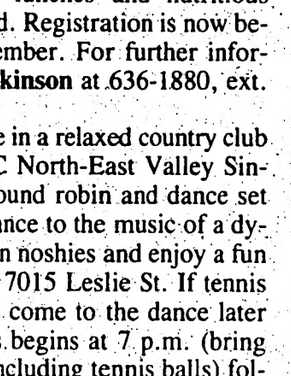
Play tennis and dance in a relaxed country club atmosphere at the JCC North-East Valley Singles Network tennis round robin and dance set for Sunday, July 5. Dance to the music of a dynamic deejay, nibble on noshies and enjoy a fun evening at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. If tennis doesn't appeal to you, come to the dance later in the evening. Tennis begins at 7 p.m. (bring your own equipment including tennis balls) followed by the dance at 9. The charge for tennis and dance is $5 members with cards, $7 non-members, and for the dance only it is $4 members with cards, $6 non-members. For information, call **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813.

The JCC North-East Valley Singles Network has arranged a drop-in evening on Saturday, July 11, at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St., upstairs. There will be games, refreshments, music and a relaxed atmosphere, all for $3 members, $5 non-members. For information, call **Sally Kerbel** at the Valley office at 889-0813 or **Fran Dalal** at 731-5664.

About People

SYNAGOGUE PRESIDENT

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's new president, **James Harris**, was born and educated in London, England, where he served with the Royal Navy, was president of the New West End Synagogue Communal Centre, and graduated as a chartered accountant prior to coming to Toronto.



James Harris

A member of the congregation since 1973, Harris has served on the synagogue board and executive in numerous capacities. In addition, he has been active in B'nai B'rith and was president of Toronto Lodge and the Toronto Regional Council.

He and his wife **Fay** have two children, **Julia** and **Henry**.

Serving with Harris on the executive are **Marvin Fox**, 1st vice-president; **Larry Ross**, 2nd vice-president; **Marvin Gold**, treasurer; **Gord Garshowitz**, secretary, and **Aubie Himmel**, immediate past president.

HUC-JIR HONORS RABBI STROH

Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, recently honored **Rabbi Michael Stroh** of Temple Har Zion and fellow members of the Yedidim (friends) during the Rabbinic Alumni luncheon of the College-Institute.

The Yedidim is composed of rabbis who have shown extraordinary support of the College-Institute's Year-in-Israel program. This special program, begun 17 years ago, requires all rabbinic students to spend their first year of seminary training studying Hebrew at the Jerusalem school. In addition, the students have the invaluable experience of living and working in Israel.

The members of the Yedidim have committed themselves to be the leaders in the continuing effort to strengthen this important aspect of rabbinic training.

BIALIK'S NEW EXECUTIVE

Bialik Hebrew Day School's 1987-89 board of directors and executive include **Joey Steiner**, president and chairman; **Deanna Peranson**, vice-chairman, and committee chairmen **Gordon Garmaise**, personnel; **Baila Lubek**, education; **Lou Kirshenbaum**, budget and finance; **Steven Latner**, house; **Harry Urman**, legal and trust; **Roz Davidson**, public relations, and **Barry Waltman**, admission and tuition. PTA chairman is **Dale Joffe**. Secretary and treasurer are **Ann Lean** and **Lipe Wise**.

Hadassah tour to mark 70 years of dedication

By
LEN BUTCHER

TORONTO —

The place — Israel. The organization — Hadassah-WIZO of Canada. The occasion — to celebrate 70 years of dedicated work to helping people.

This is what it's all about come Nov. 16 when Celebrate 70 gets under way and an expected group of 300 women board an El Al plane to take them on a 9-day trip to Israel.

For Roz Mendelson, tour coordinator, it will be "both exciting and sentimental. A vision of a past generation has become a reality and we are going back to celebrate what has been accomplished over the years by Hadassah-WIZO."

She says that although she has been to Israel before, "many of this year's participants haven't. These are people who were raised with a dream of a homeland for the Jews and haven't had the opportunity to go there yet — so for them, it's a very exciting prospect.

"For the younger group, they will see projects their mothers have been supporting all these years, so they'll know that next time they go to the bazaar, for example, all that hard work has contributed to the realization of these projects."

Although more than 200 women from across Canada have already booked, Mendelson says there is still plenty of time and would love to see enough participants to "fill the El Al plane."

The trip promises to be a memorable one, with lots to see and do, she says. There will be a visit to day care centres, which have long been supported by Hadassah-WIZO; to Hadassim, a secondary school outside of Tel Aviv, which was established 40 years ago and boasts a fine reputation for excellence; to a Youth Aliyah project in Acco, set up to help disadvantaged Israeli youth, and which now also helps immigrant children make the adjustment; a visit to Yad Vashem ("a must" says Mendelson) where the women will lay a wreath; to the Museum of the Diaspora.

There will also be a reception with President Chaim Herzog and a reception with Raya Jaglom, president of World WIZO.

"On top of all this," says Mendelson, "we will be entertained in Tel Aviv by Mayor Shlomo Lahat and Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek is giving us a reception at the Israel Museum."

A special treat is an evening with the Junior Israel Philharmonic of which 90% of the musicians are children of the members of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

"These are very talented young people," says Mendelson, "and it's all part of the package."

This 9-day package includes three nights at the Hilton Hotel in Tel Aviv, five nights at the Laromme Jerusalem, breakfast, hotel service charges, porterage and entrance fees, all tours listed above and more, as well as a Shabbat dinner, closing banquet and round trip airfare from Montreal to Tel Aviv.

The cost is $1,699 (Canadian) per person. There are also optional extensions for anyone who would like to spend more time.

Mendelson says the trip is open to everyone across Canada and "we're hoping for as many as possible. It will be a wonderful experience."

For more inforamtion, contact Roz Mendelson in Toronto at (416) 789-4373 or write or call Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada at 1310 Greene Ave., Room 900, Montreal H4Z 2B8, (514) 937-9431.

Vaad discusses eruv changes

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

The Vaad HaRabbanim is discussing a number of modifications in Toronto's eruv for presentation to its long time custodian Rabbi Abraham Price.

So said Rabbi Henry Hoschander, chairman of the Vaad's eruv committee, after a recent Vaad meeting.

"The views of all concerned wih the eruv are being carefully studied to be acceptable to the entire community, in consultation with Rabbi Price," Hoschander told The Canadian Jewish News.

Toronto's eruv, an halachic border that allows some easing of the Torah injunction against carrying anything on Shabbat, has come under some criticism recently on technical grounds.

"We are doing the best we can, but changes aren't that easy to effect," said Hoschander. "Toronto's is the largest eruv in North America."

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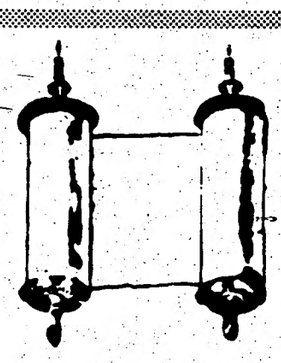

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Chukat

Self-control is the greatest control. We must not forget who we are, what we are.

The saintly Reb Israel of Rizhin saw his son angrily berating a chassid. Reb Israel remained silent, and his son fell upon the hapless chassid a second time.

Reb Israel interceded. "In the Torah, we read that Moses was punished because he grew impatient at the Jewish complaints about water, and struck the great rock twice.

"Why was he punished so severely? Because it is understandable when a person loses control once, momentarily. But when he struck it twice, lost patience a second time — that was unacceptable!"

* * *

What a beautiful trek the Jews had through the desert. . . .

Every day they could see their great leaders, Moses, Aaron and Miriam.

Every morning (except Sabbath) the heavenly manna drifted down — in the merit of Moses.

They were protected from the searing heat and the fierce enemy by the Ananay Hakavod, Clouds of Glory — in the merit of Aaron.

Thirst? No need for Coke of Pepsi. There was the rolling rock that travelled with them and gushed out water — in the merit of Miriam.

But . . . when Miriam died, the water ceased — and only returned in the merit of Moses.

When Aaron died, the Clouds of Glory disappeared, and only returned in the merit of Moses.

Moses's merit carried the whole load, the manna, the Clouds of Glory, the water. When he died, everything went — the Jews were on their own! (Taanit 9)

But if Moses was so great that his merit brought manna and water and clouds of Glory, why did God first distribute them in the merit of Aaron and Miriam? Why not just give everything in Moses's merit to start?

But — the clouds and water symbolize something deeper. Miriam brought the water, the water of teaching and guidance to 9 whole generations of women. She inspired and inculcated them. She did an even better job than Moses — it was the men who ran after the Golden Calf, not the women!

Aaron had another specialty. His job was to teach mentchlichkeit, the ways of peace, how to conduct yourself. It is easy to make an eiruv out of wire. How do you make an eiruv in the heart that will join and blend and mix Jews with Jews, with one heart? How do you make an eiruv around the hearts of a husband and wife to live in peace and not destroy their children by constant bickering? That was a hard job — Aaron's job.

Moses taught Torah. Moses communicated with the Almighty. When the Jews first left Egypt, did he also have time to teach the women their duties, to work with every family? So the clouds and the water were in the merit of Aaron and Miriam. Only later, at the end of 40 years, could Moses undertake their tasks.

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Peace is easy. A rabbi advised a young couple. "Never fight. When you disagree, just go for a walk."

Forty years later he asked about his advice. Answered the husband: "I'm still walking." Shabbat Shalom.

Organization president says:

JCC Valley expansion priority

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Expansion of the Jewish Community Centre's North-East Valley location to a full service branch and major improvements and renovations to the Bloor "Y" are high priority items for the JCC, says its president Bernard Kamin.

In remarks to the JCC's annual meeting in the Koffler Gallery recently, Kamin said he had no idea where the funds will be found for these major objectives, but added "we should not shy away from debt if necessary."

He recalled that the Valley site was obtained "through the vision of Wilfred Posluns," and that the JCC had taken a risk at that time and incurred debt to do it.

"We must do a better job in tooting our own horn," he said, noting that while the Jewish Welfare Board in U.S. considers the JCC of Toronto as a leader, it needs a higher profile in its own community where needed support is lacking.

"We must serve the average Joe, not just the gifted or the needy," Kamin said.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the first Samuel J. Granatstein award for meritorious contribution to the JCC to Madeleine Epstein.

Posluns spoke of her services to the JCC on behalf of disabled and elderly people and also her initiatives in bringing young families who moved north to the Valley branch. "She brought the JCC from an athletic building to the level of a cultural centre," he said.

Richard Lorie said a new non-athletic membership will be offered in the fall at the Bloor "Y" at $150 per family. The Sunday at Bloor program will return for its third season. "The Sunday evening dances have once again become the haven for young Jewish singles," Lorie said.

Dance and literary concerts on Sunday evenings will be introduced at the central JCC and Koffler gallery in the coming year, according to Virginia Solomon. "They will be low-key, low-budget," she said.

Renewals of subscriptions at the Leah Posluns theatre are double what they were at this date last year, said Reva Stern, its artistic director. Subscriptions in the 25-to-50 age group have doubled over the past few years, she added.

One of the highlights of the coming season will be a production of Johannes and the Talmud by Basya Hunter whom Stern described as "the Helen Hayes of Canadian theatre."

Tennis memberships at the Valley are already sold out, reported Harry Borenstein. "We are bursting at the seams," he said.

A new day care program for 3- and 4-year-olds will start in September, Harvey Dorsey reported on behalf of the North "Y." There is an urgent need for new capital to cope with aging equipment and an aging building, he said.

The proposed slate of officers presented by Bert Fine, chairman of the nomination committee, was approved. They are: chairman of the board, Hersh Fogel; president, Bernard Kamin; vice-presidents, Harvey Dorsey, Harold Green, Richard Lorie, David Perlmutter and Virginia Solomon; treasurer, Alan Zender; assistant treasurer, Jerry Bezner; secretary, Jack Siegel; assistant secretary, Sidney Greenberg; honorary counsel, Dr. Herb Belman; executive committee, 1987-88: Herb Finkelstein, Sheldon Friedland, Jack Hershoran, Murray Hoffman, Milton Lecker, Paul Lindzon, Lillian Rose and Annette Rapoport.

Two new honorary vice-presidents named were Alex Grossman and Sam Helfenbaum, while five new members were added to the board of directors: Leonard Bernstein, Harry Borenstein, Helen Finder, Sandra Green baum and Michael Handler.

Arnold Iscove awarded honor

TORONTO —

Dr. Arnold Iscove, founder of the Association of Jewish Seniors, was one of 21 senior citizens recently presented with Ontario Senior Achievement Awards by Premier David Peterson.

The annual awards, the highlight of Senior Citizens' Month in June, recognize outstanding contributions senior citizens have made in communities and to the quality of life in Ontario.

"These awards express the government's appreciation to those seniors who have used their talents and energies to contribute in a significant way to their communities and to the quality of life in Ontario," said Ron Van Horne, minister responsible for senior citizens. "I believe that each of the recipients of this year's Senior Achievment Awards exemplifies this dynamic spirit."

Iscove, 83, is still a practicing physician who speaks out on behalf of senior citizens. He served as president of AJS for four years and helped establish the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens Organizations. He is currently a member of AJS' social action and outreach committees and is a membr of Shaarei Tefillah's Golden Age Club.

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Meets with Toronto notables in 72-hour visit

No day is typical for Israel's new ambassador

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Hello, I must be going.

An ambassador's day is busy. Very busy.

And on an all too brief 3-day visit to Toronto recently, Israel Gur-Arieh, Israel's ambassador to Canada, would have been well advised to wear running shoes instead of the sleek, black loafers he had on when he came to visit The CJN offices.

His meeting with The CJN editorial staff was one short stop during a skin-tight schedule intended to fulfil his priority of strengthening Israel's relationship with the Jewish community.

"Given hope to man"

In less than 72 hours, he managed to meet with and speak to rabbis, business and community leaders and politicians including Albert Reichmann, Lt.-Gov. Lincoln Alexander, and Premier David Peterson.

He also attended a reception at Beth Tzedec Synagogue held in his and his wife Shulamit's honor cosponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress and the Canada Israel Committee, and covered by The CJN's Carolyn Blackman.

"Even after almost 40 years I still feel a thrill meeting an Israeli ambassador," TJC president Herb Rosenfeld confessed to the more than 100 people gathered for the event.

"We at CIC and in Canada look to the ambassador as the embodiment of the best in Israel," said Sam Schwartz, TJC representative to CIC's national board of directors.

Gur-Arieh told the audience that although Israel has yet to achieve peace with her neighbors or financial independence, "even the most severe critics must admit that she has accomplished unique achievements."

And no other nation has accomplished so much in so little time, he said.

"From tragedy, gloom and darkness, Israel has reached mountains of greatness. She has given hope to man everywhere in the struggle against evil," said Gur-Arieh.

He knows that darkness at first hand as he was forced to risk his life by defusing Allied bombs in his native Romania before leaving for what was then Palestine in 1943.

But assimilation places Jews in the Diaspora in a grave crisis, continued the ambassador, who considers himself a Jew first and an Israeli second. "We must stress Jewish education, strengthen the Jewish family, and keep Jewish tradition.

"It is a long struggle we have before us and we need much political astuteness. We have to be always ready for sacrifice, and we have to be always very strong morally, spiritually and militarily."

He urged Canadian Jews to "come live with us in Israel or come visit as often as possible. We know that Canadian Jews are doing the best they can for Israel.

"Continue your work and let future generations say that indeed they were brothers in glory when the bells of destiny tolled."

During his visit to The CJN, Gur-Arieh, (accompanied by Consul-General Benjamin Abileah and first secretary for press and communication Avi Gil) noted that with Israel's 40th birthday fast approaching, he hoped many Jews will come and help her celebrate.

The ambassador, who regularly reads The Globe and Mail, The Ottawa Citizen, New York Times, Economist, Time, Le Monde, Le Devoir, La Presse and other papers, also answered questions on war criminals, the Demjanjuk trial, Ethiopian Jewry and other issues.

When not travelling to visit other Jewish communities and officials (he has already been to Winnipeg), Gur-Arieh said he spends his time in Ottawa meeting with members of government, academics and others. But no day is exactly like any other, he explained.

Thus far, he estimated he has met with about half of Canada's federal cabinet ministers, the heads of the various political parties, and senators.

"Brothers in glory" together

On the weekend, he takes a break from his daily responsibilities, attending shul regularly — adding that on the weekend prior to his visit he had read the maftir.

A highly cultured man, Gur-Arieh is an artist, having taken up painting 14 years ago while a minister in the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires.

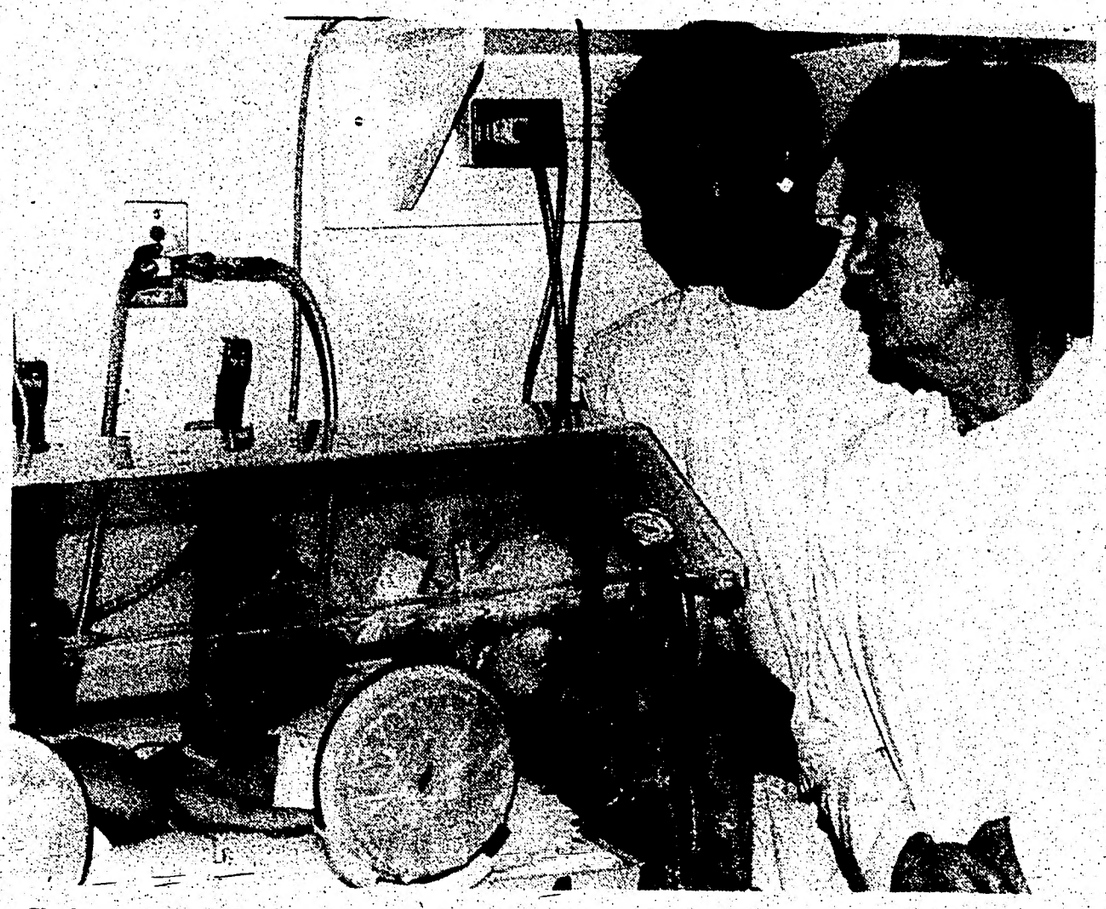
He exhibited his work before leaving his post as ambassador to Mexico, and some of his paintings now hang in his Ottawa office.

While at The CJN, he expressed a desire to visit the McMichael Canadian Collection in Kleinberg. But on an all too short trip, that is something that will have to wait for another time.

Israel's Ambassador to Canada, Israel Gur-Arieh (left) chats with Anne Gross (centre), immediate past national chairman Canada-Israel Committee, and Herb Rosenfeld, president, Toronto Jewish Congress, at a reception held in his honor at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. [Graphic Artists photo]

Israel's Ambassador to Canada, Israel Gur-Arieh, meets with Ontario Premier David Peterson. [Graphic Artists photo]

Israel's ambassador to Canada, Israel Gur-Arieh (left) is seen with CJN editor Maurice Lucow (centre) and Israel's consul-general in Toronto, Benjamin Abileah, in the newspaper's library during his recent visit. [Jeff Rosen photo]



Shulamit Gur-Arieh (right) and Ruth Abileah, wives respectively of the Israeli ambassador to Canada and the consul-general in Toronto, recently visited the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. They are seen here in the neonatal intensive care unit. The hospital has a reputation in Israel as a unique institution, Gur-Arieh said. Last year six Israeli children came to Sick Kids for treatment, mostly for treatment of heart conditions. [Paul Lungen photo]

Organizations and People

But Ontario party is examining situation in other provinces

No govt. money for private schools, NDP says

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Ontario New Democratic Party leader Bob Rae last week repeated his party's opposition to government funding for private schools.

Speaking prior to the Supreme Court of Canada's decision on Catholic school funding (see story on front page), Rae said concern for the health of the public school system and "difficulties" in knowing which groups would qualify for government aid were factors in his party's opposition to funding.

Rae told the monthly meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, that government funding for private schools is "a tough issue" for the New Democrats. He said the Ontario NDP is examining the situations in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, where NDP governments have in the past and are currently (Manitoba) funding private schools (in part).

The NDP leader also told Congress the Ontario Human Rights Commission should be given a clear mandate to deal with hate literature and promotion of hate — a solution he said would leave Ontario "better off" than proceeding with criminal prosecutions. (Ontario Attorney General Ian Scott recently announced the province would bring pro-Nazi propagandist Ernst Zundel to trial again for spreading lies denying the Holocaust.)

Rae said Ontario was entering a "new era of race relations" in which the experience, sensitivity and history of the Jewish community could play a helpful part. He said it was time for a change in approach by the HRC to deal more with "systemic" discrimination and not only with individual complaints.

He called for the establishment of a race relations directorate with responsibility for policy analysis of systemic discrimination and the setting of goals to promote better race relations.

There is a "profound feeling of discrimination in some communities," Rae said.

Congress also heard from Windsor-area MP Howard McCurdy of the New Democratic Party who said he found skepticism in the Soviet Union among Soviet citizens about the current policy of glasnost (openess).

The glasnost policy is seen simply as a means of improving the economic situation in the Soviet Union, McCurdy told the meeting. He was told that "so go the talks on disarmament, so go exit visas."

McCurdy visited the Soviet Union along with Toronto-area MP William Attewell (PC) and Montreal-area MP Lucie Pepin (Lib.).

McCurdy said the Soviet claim that emigration applicants knew national secrets was a pretext for refusing to allow them to emigrate. Some of those alleged national secrets were so out of date they included the design of computers using vacuum tube technology, he said.

The MP said Soviet citizens he spoke with saw no real indication of concern for human rights by their government.

In other business, Congress voted in favor of a recommendation "to establish a coordinating body to oversee the administration and budgetary operations of the (three committees dealing with Jews in distressed lands) and to coordinate regular community-wide events on a trial basis for up to two years."

Currently the three committees deal with Soviet Jewry, international affairs and Jews in Arab lands.

The advantages of creating an umbrella group will be to "create a coordinating process for staff, lay and financial resources and to provide opportunities for each committee to support the other's activities," the report, submitted by Mark Anshan, stated.

Yitz Feldman told the meeting that in 1986, the Meot Hittim fund raised approximately $44,000 to ensure a supply of matzot and other Passover food for Jews in need.

Half of that amount went to provide for provisions for Cuban Jewry, a task the Meot Hittim fund has performed since the U.S. embargo on Cuba in 1961.

Other funds, raised by about 40 synagogues and Jewish communities throughout Ontario and given to Congress to distribute, were given to Ethiopian Jews in Israel ($2,700); to Chabad Lubavitch for seders for needy Jewish Russian families ($1,800); and for administrative expenses ($7,064). There was a balance of about $10,500.

Feldman said 1986 was to have been the last year Chabad receives funds for seders for poor Soviet Jewish families, since fewer immigrants were arriving in Canada.

"Demonstrated dedication"

Na'amat women honored

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

The dedication and hard work of over 1,000 Na'amat Pioneer Women in Toronto was honored recently at the organization's Annual Tribute dinner held at the Borochov Centre.

Awards were given in such areas as ticket sales, fund raising, programming and membership growth.

In presenting the Club One Founders Award which recognizes those volunteers who have made an outstanding and significant contribution to the heart and spirit of Na'amat, past Toronto president Malka Mirsky told the group of over 250 women that "those honored with this award are not just money raisers.

"They have demonstrated dedication and have given of themselves. They are willing to help in many ways to support and strengthen Israel, the Jewish people and our community in Canada."

Keynote speaker Colonel Ruchama Hermon who recently retired after 25 years of Israeli military service said that she joined Na'amat after her service in the army because she wanted to continue doing important work for her country.

"I was so happy working for Israel while I was in the army and when I left I tried to find something that would bring me the same happiness. I have found that in Na'amat."

She called Na'amat a "pearl in the crown" and said that Canadian volunteers are devoting themselves to a wonderful organization. "You must bring your friends to join Na'amat and encourage young women to come and work with us. If you continue loving and supporting Israel she will always be alive."

In an upbeat report, treasurer Lorraine Levine said that Na'amat Toronto" raised more money this year than we ever expected." She said that well over $300,000 will be sent to Israel in 1987.

Outgoing Toronto president Norma Barkin said that exceeding their financial quota is a "perfect windup to my term of office."

She said that this year's activities which included a symposium on abuse of the elderly, the Jewish book fair, the Annual Adopt-a-Child Dinner and a conference on child abuse, proved the loving and caring nature of Na'amat volunteers.

Barkin thanked dinner chairman Ruth Beckerman and tribute awards chairman Sheryl Kohl and wished the best of luck to Na'amat Toronto's new executive led by president Louise Cornblum and vice-presidents Beverly Sobel, Frances Mandell and Emily Brown.

Canadian pupils going to Weizmann program

TORONTO —

Graduating high shool science students from Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa will be working with top researchers of the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot in its 19th International Summer Science program July 6-Aug. 6.

They will be joining with students from the United States, Europe, South America and Israel in the varied program which incorporates laboratory work in a chosen area, lectures, mini-courses and field work in the Negev Desert as well as time for touring and socializing.

The Canadian participants this year are Laura Davison, Jody Goldberg, Marc Lavine and Aaron Schimmer of Toronto, Barry Freedman of Ottawa and Mike Rubinstein of Montreal.

Award for original project

Laura Davison is the recipient of the Joseph Kerbel Scholarship which is awarded to a winner at the Canada-wide science fair for an original project. Laura's project involved the mathematical prediction of the acceleration of a roller coaster through a vertical loop.

The Joseph Kerbel Scholarship was created by Mr. Kerbel's children, Sharon Zuckerman, Gina Brown and Joel Kerbel in recognition of his interests in innovation, the advancement of education and Israel. This scholarship covers all expenses including transportation, tuition and support for the student during the program.

This year the Weisz Adler Scholarship has been awarded to Mike Rubinstein.

The students were congratulated at receptions held in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal where they had an opportunity to meet with former participants in the Weizmann program.

Minimum wage to rise

TORONTO —

Ontario's minimum wage will rise to $4.55 an hour from the present level of $4.35 effective the Oct. 1 work week, provincial labor minister William Wrye recently announced.

The change constitutes an increase of 4.6% over the current rate which took effect on Oct. 1, 1986.

The special minimum wage for liquor-servers, students under 18, domestics and hunting guides will also increase by 20 cents an hour effective Oct. 1. This will mean increases of 5.71% for students under 18 and 5.19% for liquor servers.

As well, maximum room and meal allowances, which employers may charge against minimum wage earnings, will increase to $57 a week for meals and private room provided, and to $46.50 a week for meals with non-private lodgings.

In addition, the minimum wage for fruit, vegetable and tobacco harvestrs will rise by 20 cents an hour, to $4.55 on Jan. 1, 1988.

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CJC's Farber tells high-school students:

Racism can come in subtle, unnoticeable forms

TORONTO —

You can be racist and not know it.

Essentially, that's the lesson students in senior grades at a downtown high school learned recently after being addressed by Bernie Farber, director of research of the Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region).

Farber presented an informal talk on racism to the students at an ethnically mixed high school. "I tried to point out that you can be a racist and not even know it," Farber says. "We used the kids' own experiences as a framework."

The project grew out of an address Farber had presented earlier to English teachers within the Toronto Board of Education on how to teach controversial and racially sensitive literature, especially Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice and Mark Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

Last year, a group of parents in Kitchener won a hard-fought battle within the Waterloo Board of Education to have the teaching of The Merchant of Venice moved from grades 10 and 11 to grades 12 and 13, where students would presumably be better equipped to handle the anti-semitic overtones associated with the play's main character, Shylock. For years in Kitchener, Jewish students were the targets of anti-semitic taunts and slurs, usually after the play was taught.

"I tried to get the kids to talk," Farber says. "I asked them, 'When you hear the word Jew, what do you think of?' "

The answers, he found out, were not surprising but no less pleasant: Jews were thought of in stereotypical terms: with beards, large noses and speaking with Yiddish accents.

In his talk, Farber pointed out that prejudice can come in subtle and unnoticeable forms, such as jokes, off-the-cuff comments and whether we think of others in terms of their race or religion.

But Farber discovered that innate prejudices were not limited to Jews: Italians were thought of in the same broad terms and so were Orientals. Farber says he senses a lot of tension between Vietnamese and Chinese groups.

"Although we have diverse ethnic groups," he notes, "there are tensions. These kids have to move in an ethnically mixed environment. Their parents usually don't."

Recently, some of the students wrote letters to Farber, describing their thoughts on the subject.

"I've come to terms that just hurting one person with a stupid joke can hurt many people," wrote one.

"I was emotionally touched when some of the students from our class shared their feelings about racism. For the first time in many years, I finally know how many people react to this kind of situation," another wrote.

"Your workshop," concluded a letter, "gave me a sense of courage to stand up and fight for my culture and other cultures."

Farber has already been invited to other schools to address more students.

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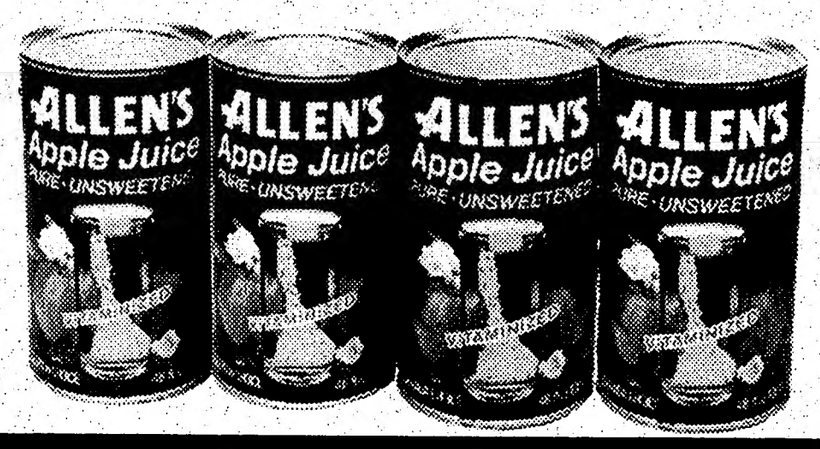

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Organizations and People

"Sports an integral part of community's culture"

Davis lauded at JCC annual Celebrity Dinner

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —
Former Ontario Premier William Davis won high praise for his quality of leadership when he was honored by the Jewish Community Centre at its 3rd annual Sports Celebrity Dinner at the Constellation Hotel.

The main speaker for the evening was Chicago Bears Football coach Mike Ditka who told the audience "what makes a community great is its people and we don't take enough time to thank people for their contributions."

"We must take responsibility for our actions, and try to do the best we can," Ditka told the crowd of over 600. "The JCC takes that responsibility seriously and they don't wait to thank people.

Ditka said, "it's important to tell him (Davis) he's doing a good job. Attitude, character and enthusiasm are what make a good job."

The JCC Sports Celebrity Dinner was conceived three years ago to honor individuals who have distinguished themselves both in sports and in community service.

A number of political guests at the dinner extended their congratulations to Davis and their appreciation of the JCC, among them Otto Jelinek, federal minister of sport and fitness, who said, "I appreciate what the JCC is doing for the sports community and the community at large and I congratulate you on this continuing tradition with the honoring of Bill Davis."

John Eakins, Ontario Minister of tourism and recreation, said, "there are those who make it happen, and there are those who watch it happen, and those who want to know what happened, and we all know where Bill Davis fits in."

At the Jewish Community Centre Sports Celebrity Dinner head table are (from left) Bernard Kamin, Bill Davis, Kathy Davis and Mike Ditka.

Larry Grossman, Ontario Conservative leader told those in attendance, "I am doubly proud to be in my community to support the JCC and to be with William Davis, an outstanding man."

Bernard Kamin, president of the JCC, made the tribute and presentation to Davis.

"He knows what it's like to be a winner," Kamin said, "and he is a good friend of the JCC, and we are grateful for his support to our agency."

Describing for the gathering some of Davis' achievements in sport, the JCC president said, "his position as chairman of the board of governors of the Canadian Football League (CFL) will promote togetherness throughout Canada," although he did note Davis has a bias towards the Argos.

"He committed this province to funding of a domed stadium, a professional resource that impacts beyond the boundaries of Toronto," Kamin added, "and it is this quality of leadership that has made him a Companion of the Order of Canada."

Davis, who holds honorary degrees from Tel Aviv University and Yeshiva University, said "it was with hesitation that I accepted the (Sportsman of the Year) honor, but I did so because of 'who' was giving it."

"The Jewish community in the city knew the need for a facility for guidance and support and that is why I have accepted this honor," the former premier added.

According to Davis, (who jokingly offered to make a political speech if the crowd so desired), "sport is an integral part of any community's culture."

Of the award he said, "none will rate higher than the one I have received tonight."

Jack Siegel, executive secretary of the JCC said, "the dinner brings together supporters of the JCC, whether they be members or corporate sponsors, while providing a good representation from the political spectrum and the sports world."

The event also afforded some of Canada's finest athletes the opportunity to reflect on what the JCC dinner meant to them.

Russ Howard, a world champion curler, told the CJN, "it's important to honor sporting people in the community; it gives people a chance to get to know you, one-on-one."

Milt Ottey, world-class high jumper and record holder, told the CJN that while he was surprised he was invited, "it is my pleasant duty to help support athletics, to put something back into the community."

Leo Cahill, general manager of the Toronto Argonauts football team, told the CJN that he has attended the dinner before because "it's a worthy cause and gives me the opportunity to see so many of my friends that I don't get to see that often."

Brian McFarlane, hockey commentator, served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

"It's marvellous to recognize these people and it reflects well on the JCC when they single out people like (former recipients) Harold Ballard, Charles Bronfman, and now Bill Davis," McFarlane told the CJN.

"People often overlook young athletes and potential olympians but the JCC's well-organized event is very supportive of the athletes and I'm flattered to be a part of it," he added.

Other athletes honored at the dinner included Steve Condron, one of the world's best harness-racing jockeys, Jack Donahue, coach of Canada's National Basketball team, Sheila Forshaw, an international field hockey star, Sandra Post, Canada's top professional golfer and Sylvia Ruegger, an all-Canadian marathon runner who is making a miraculous comeback from a serious car accident in 1985.

Also at the head table were Paul Brownstein, executive director of the JCC, George Abony, chairman of the dinner committee and Gordon Cressy, President of the United Way of Greater Toronto.

The evening also featured Cantor Louis Danto who sang the Canadian and Israeli national anthems, a bagpiper and the reading of a personal letter from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

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Organizations and People

Non-Jewish groups' garden party aids 2 Jewish causes

Phone call to Refusenik highlight of benefit

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

A recent garden party sponsored by two non-Jewish groups to aid two Jewish causes was more successful than expected, said one organizer.

Harriet Black, of the Canadian Friends of the International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem, said that more than 300 attended the Sunday afternoon event co-sponsored by Canadian Friends and the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.A.H. Gordon at 346 Riverview Rd.

"The public response was just wonderful — we couldn't have wanted for more."

As organizers knew parking near the house was limited, they hired three police officers to direct traffic to a parking area further away and rented two mini-buses which young volunteers drove. The buses were decorated with the Israeli and Canadian flags as well as balloons.

Proceeds of the event after costs will be divided between the Soviet Jewry movement and the Canadian Friends' ongoing project to rescind UN Resolution 3379 (which declares Zionism is Racism).

Among the speakers were MP Bill Attewell, chairman of the Parliamentary Group on Soviet Jewry, who spoke of his recent trip to the Soviet Union, and Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights.

Corina Boyer, wife of MP Patrick Boyer and chairman of the Parliamentary Spouses Committee for Soviet Jewry, was on hand as were MP John Oostrom (Willowdale) and MPP Yuri Shymko (High Park-Swansea).

In attendance from the Soviet Jewish activist community were Max Milstone, of Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Shirley Hanick, of Holy Blossom Temple, and Gavil Maron, of B'nai B'rith Canada's Sholom Aleichem Lodge, the only Russian-speaking lodge in Canada.

A sound system was rigged so that everyone could hear a conversation between Intrator and long-term Refusenik Vladimir Slepak of Moscow, who has been denied an exit visa for 17 years on alleged secrecy grounds.

Slepak, who has been called the heart and soul of the Soviet Jewry movement in the Soviet Union, said that it was important that non-Jews be involved in the cause and help motivate the Canadian government to act on their behalf.

He cautioned people in the West not to be deceived by higher emigration figures — last month's 871 figure was almost equal to the 914 for the whole of 1986. He pointed out that though the situation is improving, it is not for long-term Refuseniks, who are still being refused for secrecy reasons.

The number of refusals are increasing significantly — "they're coming in fast and furious," he said. Even if 10,000 Jews were permitted exit visas this year, he wondered how long it would take to deal with just the backlog.

Intrator also placed a call to Slepak's son Alexander, who is studying medicine in Philadelphia. Alexander, who two months ago went on a 17-day hunger strike to symbolize the time his parents have been in refusal, noted his pleasure in non-Jews acting on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

He said that his parents, who are in their 60s, only want to be reunited with their two sons and five grandchildren, whom they've only seen in photographs.

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MONTREAL —

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Ontario unveils 5-year multiculturalism plan

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The Ontario government has unveiled a new multiculturalism policy designed to ensure that all government services are fully accessible to all multicultural groups.

Lily Munro, minister of citizenship and culture, said that for the first time multiculturalism will be the responsibility of all government ministries and not just the ministry of citizenship and culture.

"Our action plan strikes a balance between the individual's responsibility to strengthen the skills needed to participate and the government's responsibility to ensure that services are widely accessible," Munro said during a reception at the Royal Ontario Museum.

The new policy is the result of public meetings and think tanks which Munro and Tony Ruprecht, minister without portfolio responsible for citizenship and culture, held across Ontario in 1985 and 1986.

As a result, Munro said, the government is introducing a comprehensive, 5-year plan to ensure programs operated or funded by the province respond to the needs of the multicultural society.

Lily Munro

Beginning immediately, she stated, existing programs within her ministry will be enhanced and her cabinet colleagues will announce specific initiatives within coming weeks.

The minister said her ministry will provide more funding for community groups offering English or French second language instruction, will provide additional funds to improve multicultural relations in the workplace and will create a new program to support popular, traditional and folk arts.

In addition, she said, her ministry will augment assistance to community multicultural museums and provide special funding to the Archives of Ontario for the collection of multicultural records.

To help promote intercultural communication in the workplace throughout the province, Munro said the government has "put its own house in order." This will involve the introduction of a comprehensive employment equity program within the public service.

In other ministries:

- **The ministry of health intends to increase multicultural representation on local district health councils. It will also consult with cultural groups on health promotion issues, and with community health centres to expand services for multicultural clients and will produce a resource guide for health care workers.**
- The ministry of community and social services is developing a multicultural resource kit and training program for child care workers.
- The ministry of education will take action to improve relations between the school system and multicultural communities.

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Organizations and People

Harry Leizner notes difference in medical attitude

Octogenarian physician recalls his early years

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

At 82, Dr. Harry Leizner has finally retired — with memories that approach the beginnings of Toronto's Jewish community.

"When I graduated from the University of Toronto in 1930," he told The Canadian Jewish News, "It was impossible for a Jewish boy to get an internship. Even the Anglo-Saxons had to be well connected."

So Leizner went to the Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York where an uncle and cousins lived. He was paid $25 a month as an intern. The hospital's name was a misnomer because half its cases were general medicine patients.

It was in New York, at the YMHA, that he met Ida, his wife. She was a teacher at a Jewish school there and she continued her teaching in Toronto. Their house on Regina St. is graced with paintings and wood carvings out of driftwood by Leizner and paintings and sculptures by his wife.

Leizner's first patient in 1932, was "a heavy Jewish woman about 75, with severe asthma and the highest blood pressure I'd ever seen, 300 over 90. There was no specific treatment for blood pressure in those days, aside from phenobarb and withdrawing blood.

"She was a very stubborn, very bright and strong-willed woman and she would not go into hospital. She lived to be 90 — much longer than I thought — when she died of a stroke."

In the early 30s, with money scarce, many Jewish doctors chose to join sick benefit societies to get their members as patients, and Leizner was one of them. But he was not just a nominal member — he and Ida attended their socials and often he was the guest speaker. The fraternal groups paid him $2 a month for single members, and $4 for families, and this included house calls at any hour, day or night. For non-society members he charged $1 for office visits and $2 for house calls. The societies he covered included Sons of Jacob, Poale Zion, Oddfellows, Linitzer Sick Benefit Society and Sons of Abraham.

Leizner is "not sure if people are any healthier now" than when he started in practice. "At that time we considered ill health as natural, now we don't. There was a lot more appendicitis, and infectious diseases were common.

Some (of today's) treatments have serious side effects. We're keeping people alive when we shouldn't be. We believed then that people should be allowed to die if they wanted to."

Leizner delivered 150 to 200 babies in those early years, most of them right in the home. "A lot of people didn't trust hospitals and the European women were used to having the baby delivered at home," he said.

He still has a vivid memory of coming into a Gypsy home with the mother-to-be lying on the bare floor and all her close friends and relatives grouped around her.

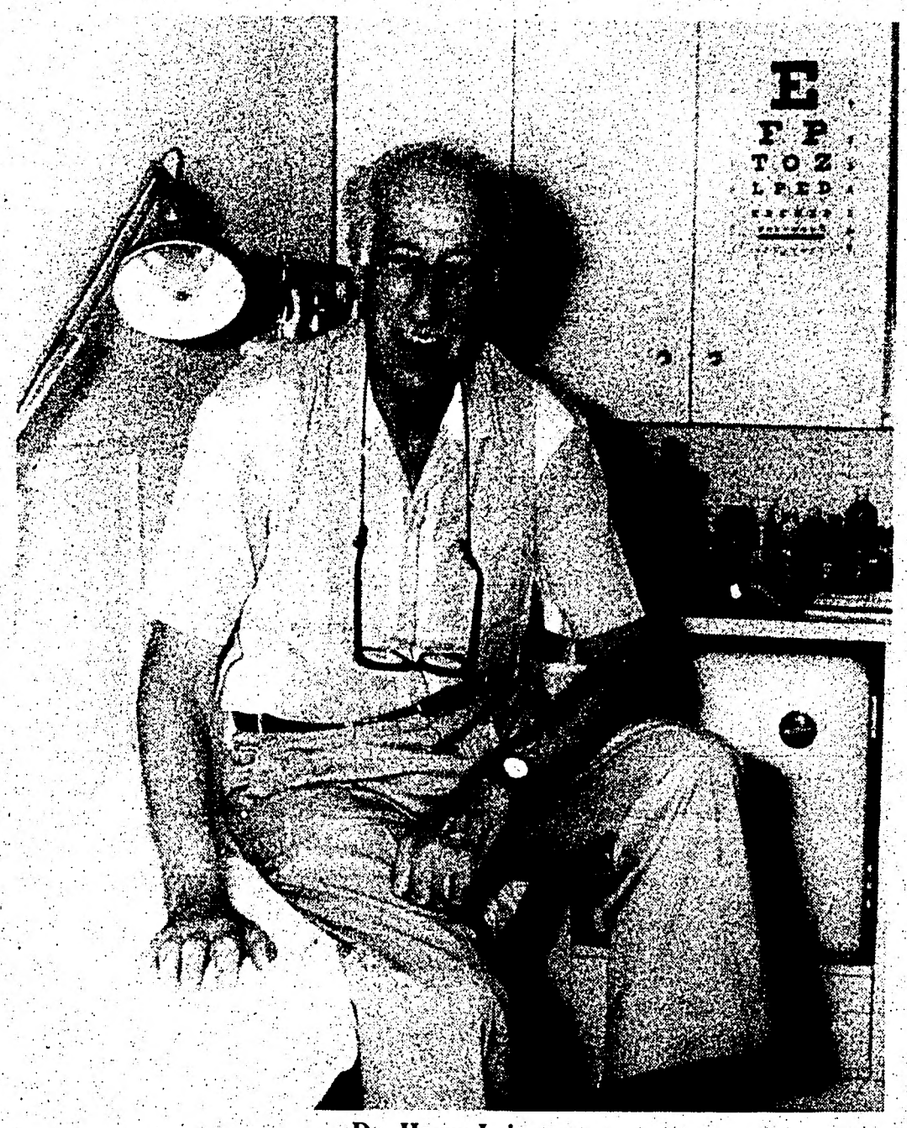
"They barely gave me enough room to work," Leizner recalled. "They stayed right there. I had the feeling that if she started hemorrhaging, or had other difficulties, I was in deep trouble. Luckily the delivery went smoothly."

The doctor talks with great affection about his parents, Abraham and Anne, who were from Galicia. Leizner arrived in Canada in 1912 at the age of 7; his father had already been here for five years.

His father earned a living as a peddlar, and then as a rag picker. He was also a part-time shamus for a synagogue on Centre St. Their first home was on Terauley St. (now Bay St.) and then they moved to Chestnut St. where the landlord was a bootlegger on the side. A move to Elizabeth St. followed and the Leizners were the last Jewish family to leave Elizabeth St.

Leizner joined the staff of Whitby Psychiatric Hospital as a general practitioner in the 70s until 1981. During those years he kept up his private practice in the evenings and weekends.

Ariel Waitzman, one of his five grandchildren, plans on following in his footsteps in medicine.



Dr. Harry Leizner

CJC plans to bring Jewish content to camps

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Already, the project has 11 trips scheduled to camps in Toronto, Windsor and Kitchener. In the Toronto area, it will visit Fundale, Camp Shalom, Kid's World and the day camp at the JCC's Valley branch.

In Kitchener, it will travel to Camp Simcha and in Windsor, to Camp Yomee.

Coordinated by Tammy Urbach, in conjunction with Karen Caplan and Susan Jackson of Ontario Region's community services department, the program provides varied Jewish themes and activities for kids aged 3½ to 12.

For younger children, there are puppet shows featuring biblical characters and Hebrew singalongs. For older children, there are arts and crafts with Jewish themes, drama and programs on Holocaust studies, as well as on Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry. Mock seders and Shabbat dinners will also be featured.

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Family affair at UIA awards

By LEN BUTCHER

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. —

A recent Top Gifts luncheon for the United Israel Appeal turned out to be a family affair when three of the women, all related, were presented with Lion of Judah pins by guest speaker Col. Yonah Gazit of the Israeli Defence Forces.

Dorothy Tomarin, hostess of the gourmet luncheon, along with co-chairman and cousin Sheilah Newman, and aunt Caroline Revson were the recipients.

Co-chairman Lil Goodman congratulated the women of St. Catharines for their support of UIA. "We're having a kickoff dinner tonight for 45 women, which Dorothy is also hosting, and I'm very pleased with the campaign," she said.

The 21 women present heard Gazit bring them up to date on Israel's security, politics and economy — in that order.

He said that although Israel is not facing any immediate threats by any of the Arab countries, he predicts a "hot" summer on the Lebanese border from the PLO.

"Since the recent meeting of the PLO where radical forces joined together and broke relations with King Hussein of Jordan and Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, we saw a new commitment to radicalism between these organizations and a lot more action along our borders."

Gazit said that there was also a new threat from the extreme Shiites who "are down south attacking our forces and our settlements. So we now have two enemies in south Lebanon."

On the political front, Gazit said that the one major issue dividing Israelis is, "Do we or don't we go for an international peace conference?

"Peres and his supporters say we should do whatever we can to expand the peace process. This means sitting with the Security Council (Britain, France, China, Russia, United States) and the Arab countries. We are prepared to sit down with them, but not with the PLO. The Palestinians, yes, the PLO, no."

He said Peres apparently has some preliminary agreement with King Hussein of Jordan and feels that if Israel goes a little farther, "there is a good chance of having a peace with Jordan, the same as we enjoy with Egypt. If there can be peace with Jordan, then another Arab country could follow.

"On the other hand, the Likud says we have been through this before and can't take the risk, so this is the situation that exists."

As to the economy, Gazit says that although the inflation rate was cut from a 480% high in 1984 to less than 20% today, it meant the loss of tens of thousands of jobs.

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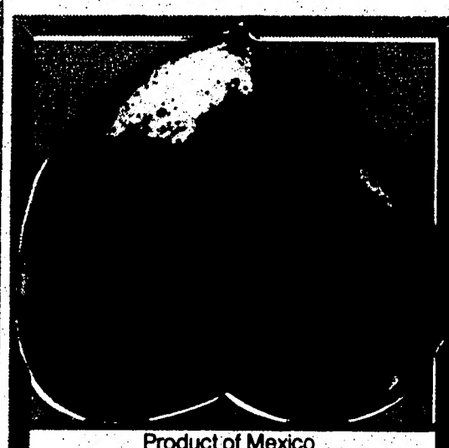

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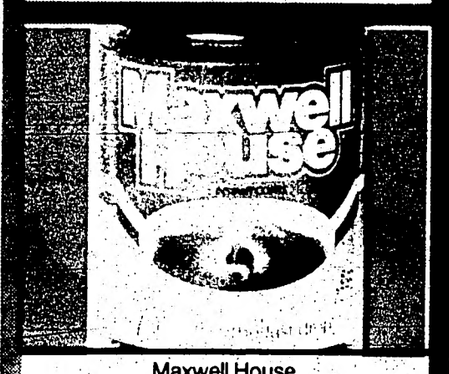

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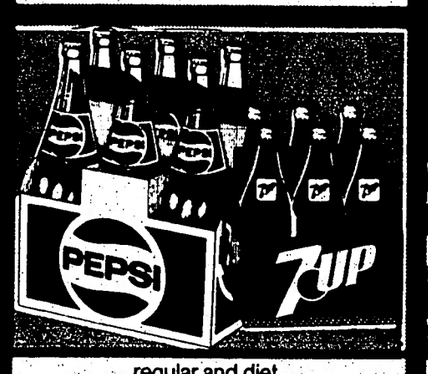

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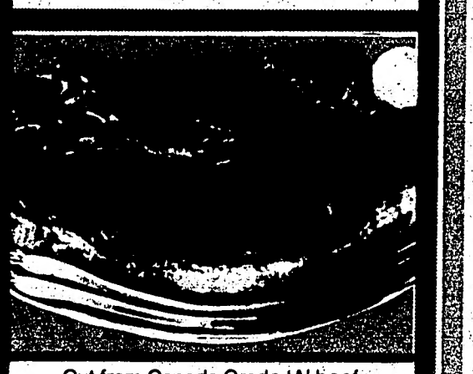

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Organizations and People

Soviet Jewry meeting productive

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO — Representatives from 13 local Soviet Jewry groups recently held a meeting and determined that there is room for cooperation and coordination of effort.

Ben Prossin, director of Canadian Jewish Congress's Committee for Soviet Jewry Ontario Region, called it a generally productive start and "indicates a strong desire to come together where possible to be effective in the cause of Soviet Jewry — to cooperate and coordinate while maintaining our own activities, programs and identification."

In stressing that though his group facilitated the meeting which was held at Congress, there is no attempt by his organization "to take over," Prossin said that not one of the many issues discussed proved to be a hurdle.

"There was no real division of opinion but a consensus of good feeling about cooperation. The bottom line is that we decided to have another meeting on Aug. 25 and I anticipate that more groups will attend."

He said that the 29 people representing 13 groups was a broad spectrum of various ages and viewpoints. Reform, Conservative and Orthodox shuls were represented as were Zionist and non-Zionist groups, and students' and women's groups.

One of the items agreed upon was the coordination of effort in a crisis situation. For instance, if one group's adopted Refusenik is in trouble, all local groups would direct calls, letters and telegrams to aid that individual.

Prossin said another item was the establishment of a central resource centre where information could be directed and then be dispensed to everyone.

Hotline discussed

Other areas that were discussed were: a hotline for crisis situations which would mobilize people for rallies and petitions; a telephone line which would play a short tape of current Soviet Jewry news; and a monthly newsletter, outlining news as well as each group's activities.

The groups represented at the meeting were: Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Network Canada, Jewish Students' Federation of York University, Adath Israel Synagogue, Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Holy Blossom Temple, Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Women's Federation, Temple Sinai, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, Canadian Zionist Federation, National Council of Jewish Women and Jewish Students' Union of the University of Toronto.

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Massuah will construct audio-visual centre

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO — Massuah "Canada House" will shortly be a dream-come-true, thanks largely to the support of Toronto Jewry and some assistance from Montrealers.

Construction will begin within the next few months on the new audio-visual and pedagogical centre at the Massuah School for Holocaust Learning, located on the grounds of the Tel Aviv Yitzhak kibbutz in Israel's Sharon Valley, following the success of a recent fund raising dinner held at Toronto's Constellation Hotel. Close to 900 people attended the function, many of them donating considerably more than the minimum required for attendance and others adding an additional donation of $50 per name for each of their children and grandchildren in special memory of the more than one million Jewish children who perished in the Holocaust.

Matching funds will be donated by the Israeli ministry of education, at whose request the new facility is being constructed.

Special guest speaker, 1986 Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel, assured the audience that "Israel is the central point of my life. I believe it must remain the central point in the life of every Jew."

Commending the Toronto community and the Massuah directors for their dedication in assuring that as many Jewish and non-Jewish youngsters as possible are exposed to the history of the Holocaust, he added that it's a "subject which defies language and imagination. It's a subject you can't teach. We who were there still don't know what happened. We who were there still look for the language to explain it.

"If you who were not there were to see all the films and documentaries in the world and were to listen to all the survivors, you still wouldn't know. Yet it's up to us who survived to tell you."

Acknowledging that this is a contradiction, Wiesel added that nevertheless, survivors must find the language to tell of their experiences. He also confessed that he now finds it impossible to use the term "Holocaust," which he is credited with adopting as the nomenclature for the events of the 40s in Europe, since it's been trivialized and cheapened by the press, which names every disaster, regardless of how extensive, or minor, as a Holocaust.

In welcoming the audience to the dinner, Mendel Green, who co-chaired the evening with his wife, Helen, stated that the success of the project is "our answer to Mr. Zundel and Mr. Keegstra. Your presence here tonight provides us with confidence that the memory of those millions who died, both Christians and Jews, will never be forgotten and that through education at institutions like Massuah, mankind will better understand the saga of man's inhumanity to man which will insure that it will never happen again."

Approximately 6,000 Israeli and foreign students, Jewish and non-Jewish, attend Massuah seminars each year. Each seminar runs for three days and includes personal testimonies of Holocaust survivors. Since many of the survivors are elderly and passing on, the new audio-visual centre will be used to record their personal statements for posterity. It will also be used as a reference and teaching centre for teachers from Israel and abroad.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut made a special presentation to Alex and Genya Grossman, considered the "parents of Massuah." The idea of the institute was conceived in their home over 20 years ago at a meeting between the Grossmans and Gideon Hausner, who gained renown as the prosecutor of Nazi Adolph Eichmann. The Grossmans have been strong supporters ever since, and Alex Grossman was campaign chairman of the Canada House project.

The plaque bears a photograph of Massuah, a quotation from Elie Wiesel's Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech and the expression of "profound appreciation for their outstanding contribution in conceiving and developing the world famous school of Holocaust learning that our people and the world will forever remember."

In introducing the guest speaker, Toronto businessman Ben Swirsky, called him a "guidepost and landmark, a man who personifies the voice of living conscience. He throws light on those others would keep in obscurity. He survived so that we might know what many in the world would prefer to forget."

Renee Solursh, dinner arrangements chairperson, thanked Weisel, telling him that his "words are echoed throughout the world, touching both Jews and non-Jews alike. Your reputation as a profound thinker and orator is imbedded in the spirit of this evening and in the goals of Massuah. You instil in all of us an understanding of the tragedies of the past, while underlining a warning for the future."

In his remarks, Wiesel referred to his recent testimony at the Klaus Barbie trial in France. He bemoaned the fact that "as soon as the first drama was over, as soon as Barbie left," the jounalists also left and the world began to lose interest in the event. He added that he got personal satisfaction from his clash with Barbie's lawyer, whom he called "a foe of Israel."

Elie Wiesel (right) with Alex and Genya Grossman.

Wiesel had been called as a witness to the Holocaust even though he did not personally witness Barbie's participation. He said that "we are all witnesses, that being a witness to events and to life is a tenet of Judaism."

Metro Chairman Dennis Flynn commended the Massuah committee on its dedication to education on the vital subject of the Holocaust and congratulated them on the success of their fund raising project. Monte Kwinter, provincial minister of consumer and corporate relations, brought greetings on behalf of Premier David Peterson (who several weeks earlier had bestowed honorary Ontario citizenship on Elie Wiesel).

Recalling his recent participation in a wreath-laying ceremony at Yad Vashem, the minister stated that concern about the Holocaust never being permitted to occur again "transcends all religious and cultural boundaries."

A special musical interlude was provided by Jenny Eisenstein, a Yiddish and Hebrew folk singer and herself a survivor of Auschwitz.

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Fashion

Jewelry by Rachel Gera.

Nature, romance influence Israeli

Romance inspires designer

By
BARBARA KINGSTONE

There I was in Tel Aviv for only a few days with pre-booked interviews back to back. Time was short and deadlines were near. So regretably I had to cancel a few appointments.

Rachel Gera was one interview that I didn't make. However, the morning I visited Jaffa, I looked into a shop window and saw the most exquisite silver jewelry. The shop was Gera's. It was closed.

Shortly afterwards I went to Jerusalem. Again every smashing piece of jewelry that I singled out was by Israeli-born Gera. I became more and more dismayed about the missed interview.

Back in Toronto, opening the myriad of literature, letters and invitations received while I was away, was an invite to an Israel Bonds Women's Division champagne brunch with "jewelry fashions of Rachel Gera."

It was "besherdt." I wasn't going to miss the opportunity this time to meet Gera. I cleared my afternoon.

A warm woman of "40 etcetera," Gera has an infectious laugh and a great sense of self. Self confidence exudes from every pore (though I must admit she has a peaches and cream poreless complexion).

Seated on a counter-top in front of a table filled with her silver bijoux, ready for viewing by the 110 women who were attending the event, Gera admitted to being no stranger to these presentations.

"I come for charity, not to sell my jewelry." And "I've been to Toronto often and have good friends here," she says.

There were no signs of before-the-show nerves. She's a pro when it comes to dealing with the public.

Gera was calm as she talked about her years as a sculptress and painter before going into the business of jewelry design.

And although she's constantly busy, her energy and inquisitiveness makes it necessary for her to find other outlets for her creativity. She has widened her horizons, even more, and also designs for theatrical performances.

The table laden with signature silverworks included brooches, earrings and neckpieces. There are many bows, roses and cupids. "I love very large dramatic pieces. I design for myself."

The influence for her design choices, she says comes from her love of nature and romance. And "not from what other designers are doing in fashion," she adds.

"I never follow trends. I make fashion. I'm a futurist and always ahead of my time. The others follow my style."

Now with a reduced staff — from 40 to 5 — in the Israeli atelier, Gera sells only to museums and art galleries in North America. But she does retail to specialty stores in Israel and of course in her own shop in Jaffa.

Her two collections vary in interpretation and craftsmanship. One is mass-produced from molds while the other decidedly strong grouping is more expensive (up to $700) and is handmade, often featuring quartz, aquamarines, crystals and onyx.

Jewelry for Gera is an extension of her past involvement in art and now is considered by her as wearable sculpture.

Her exhibitions worldwide are testimonials to her talent. She has had shows in Chicago, London, England and Ontario, Washington, Amsterdam, New York, Palm Beach and Basel, Switzerland.

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As in the cut, color is viewed as an integral part of the overall lifestyle, facial features and hairstyling. Lillian Gurnon, Hair One's color director, points out, "Hair color should be selected after the cut, in order to work with it. Color must also maintain or improve the hair's condition and grow out invisibly."

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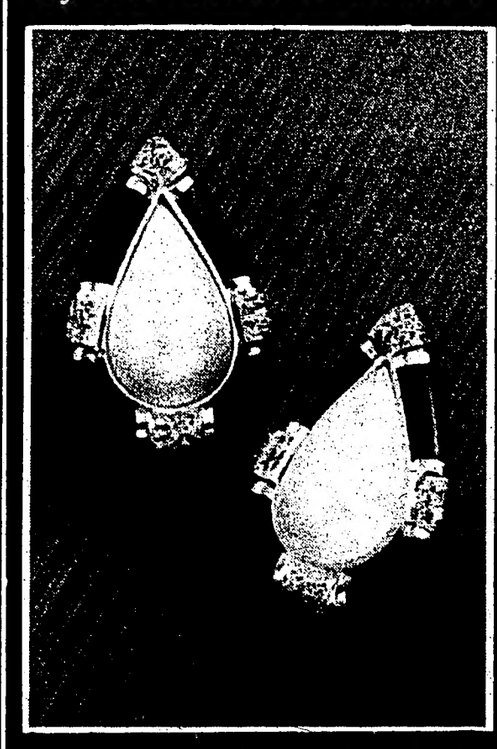

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Unique jewelry created by designer

By
JANE SHORT

Toronto native Danny Pollak, is a jewelry designer destined to make an impact on the Canadian fashion scene. The designer's pieces are original and imaginative earrings, necklaces, pins and bracelets, which clearly show Pollak's love for jewelry.

Upon completing Sheridan College's Craft and Design program in 1986, Pollak was hired to assist jewelry designer Mimi Shulman.

One year of training with Shulman gave Pollak the experience needed to branch out with his own lines; the first 40 pieces sold in four days, and Pollak has not stopped since.

Currently working on his second line, Pollak is concentrating on antiqued or shiny metallic bases to display intricate settings of rhinestones, imitation pearls and cameos, as well as sculptured looks incorporating tiny lizards.

Standout items in the line include art nouveau-inspired wrap-around ear pieces, delicate rhinestone oval settings fashioned in butterfly and triad designs for necklace and earring sets, sculpted lizard pieces and jumbo brooches, composed or large rhinestones set in "mountains of pearls."

His first collection incorporates more sculpted pieces; earrings from the line were featured on the cover of WWD Canada, a real accomplishment for a burgeoning designer.

Pollak's aim is to "make the jewelry look real," and to keep his pieces one of a kind. He only makes one set per color, so that no two stores will carry the same pieces, and customers can rest assured by Pollak that, "if you have it, no one else will."

Quality of workmanship is another area that Pollak dwells on. He finishes both the front and back of every piece, using the same materials and design, making an item almost reversible.

Jewel colors for fall collection

Pollak's fall and holiday collection is composed of jewel colors (amber, emerald, ruby, and royal blue), clear rhinestone, white, black and metallics, with a strong leaning to gold) Pollak tries to stay away from becoming overly trendy in his use of color.

Establishing a successful business requires stamina, planning, business acumen, and talent. Pollak seems well prepared on all fronts.

"Mimi taught me everything I know about business," says Pollak. Stamina and planning are inherent. He says, "I work every day, from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m. I intend to do that for two years, until I am number one."

His talent is exhibited in his designs, which are endless. Inspired by his materials, rather than sketches, Pollak designs directly at his table, and the "designs just keep evolving."

His designs are inspired by personal tastes and observations. "I make things I would like to wear, or have somebody else wear . . . I don't follow trends, and I don't copy anybody."

Pollak doesn't copy himself, either. "I just forget about the past. It's over and done with."

This attitude is the factor which keeps Pollak's ideas fresh, and his designs unique window pieces, rather than just clothing decorations.

While exclusive Canada-wide distribution with stores in major cities, hiring an assistant and expanding the size of his line are goals for Pollak this year, he says "I want the respect of my designs. As long as what I do is the best in its field, I'm happy."

Danny Pollak's jewelry is available in Toronto at Fetoun, Fabrice, High Rollers, and Silver Threads.

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Fashion

Jan Stuart lets men save face in more ways than one

By
LORI SMITH

A revolution has occurred in the area of skin care for men and entrepreneur Jan Stuart has been one of the key leaders.

Stuart, 34, is the founding father and president of Jan Stuart Natural Skin Care for Men, a line of products designed to care for and improve men's facial skin — an area that has been sadly neglected in the past.

He says that the idea for the line, which he developed along with New York nutritionist Dr. Herbert Feldman at the beginning of the 80s, came from his mother.

"One day we were sitting around the dinner table and she showed me an article from The New York Times that basically said that the 70s had been a decade of women's liberation and that the 80s would have men's liberation as an offshoot of that."

The article explained that men were now going to salons rather than barber shops. They were interested in fashion and spending money on clothing. They were helping with the cooking and cleaning. And they were interested in diet and exercise and were going to workout at health clubs.

The question that remained was who was going to go after the skin care market? And Stuart decided he would.

He left his job in advertising, gave up his apartment near the Met and moved into the Jewish YMCA to save money. He says that the move to the Y was not only financially beneficial but provided him with a test market for his new products. Students from Columbia and New York University were his first guinea pigs.

In developing his products he and Dr. Feldman determined the major differences in skin care needs between men and women.

Men, he says, exfoliate a layer of their skin every day by shaving and because they have larger muscles and sweat more they have larger pores. In addition, because of their hormone levels they also tend to have oilier skin.

"Also women tend to use make-up which covers up imperfections and allows them some protection from the sun. Men won't for the most part wear make-up and they hate oily, greasy products. And they don't like fragrances in their skin care products."

The result of this research is a line of products designed for normal to dry skin, normal to oily skin and a group of products good for all skin types.

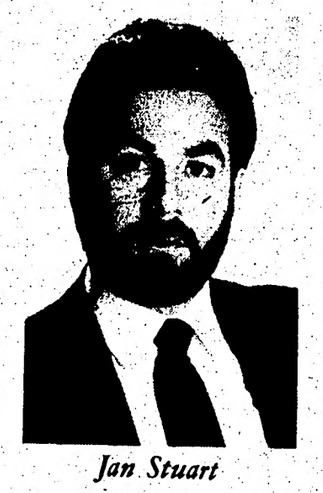
Each line contains a combination shaving and cleansing cream, an aftershave-toner, day moisturizer, night creme and beard softener and a facial masque. Other products include a honey-almond granular facial scrub, jojoba-elastin under-eye creme and oil-free body moisture mist with aloe.

In addition, Stuart has introduced a line of hair care products for men with panthenol plus in them and a signature Jan Stuart fragrance.

The company, which currently sells its products in Australia, Puerto Rico, England as well as in the United States and now Canada, has become, in eight years, one of the leaders in the field.

Stuart says that he initially met some resistance from men who were skeptical and shy about using skin care products. But increased competition in the workplace among men and women, and the interest that was developing in diet, fitness, fashion and health have helped to open up the market.

"We live in a youthful society and it's in their best interest to look after their skin. Besides there is the pollution factor and the effect of heat, humidity and cold on the face. And people are living longer and they realize they have only one face and that they have to take care of it."



Jan Stuart

To that end, Stuart has composed a list of dos and don'ts:

- Don't use soaps, shaving foams or gels containing harsh chemicals or detergents that dry out the skin and destroy it's natural pH balance.
- Don't use conventional aftershaves. Aftershaves with fragrances contain high concentrations of alcohol which irritate and dry the skin.
- Don't use heavy moisturizers during the day. They tend to clog the pores and attract dirt which causes blackheads and pimples.
- Don't use stiff washcloths or synthetic abrasive pads on the face. The thin skin tissue around the eye area is particularly prone to irritation.
- Don't use facial masques, especially those that peel off, on a daily basis. Peel-off masques only serve to stretch the skin and break capillaries. Never apply a masque around the sensitive eye area.
- Don't rub in cremes around the eye area — pat gently.
- Do use an all-natural ingredient cleansing and shaving creme.
- Do use a fragrance-free aftershave-toner on dry skin or an aftershave-astringent on oily or combination skin.
- Do use a good, light, greaseless moisturizer after toner or astringent.
- Do use a mild, abrasive scrub three times a week to sluff off dead surface cells, loosen impurities and unclog the pores.
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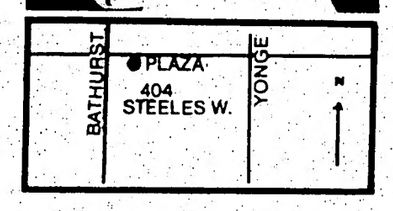

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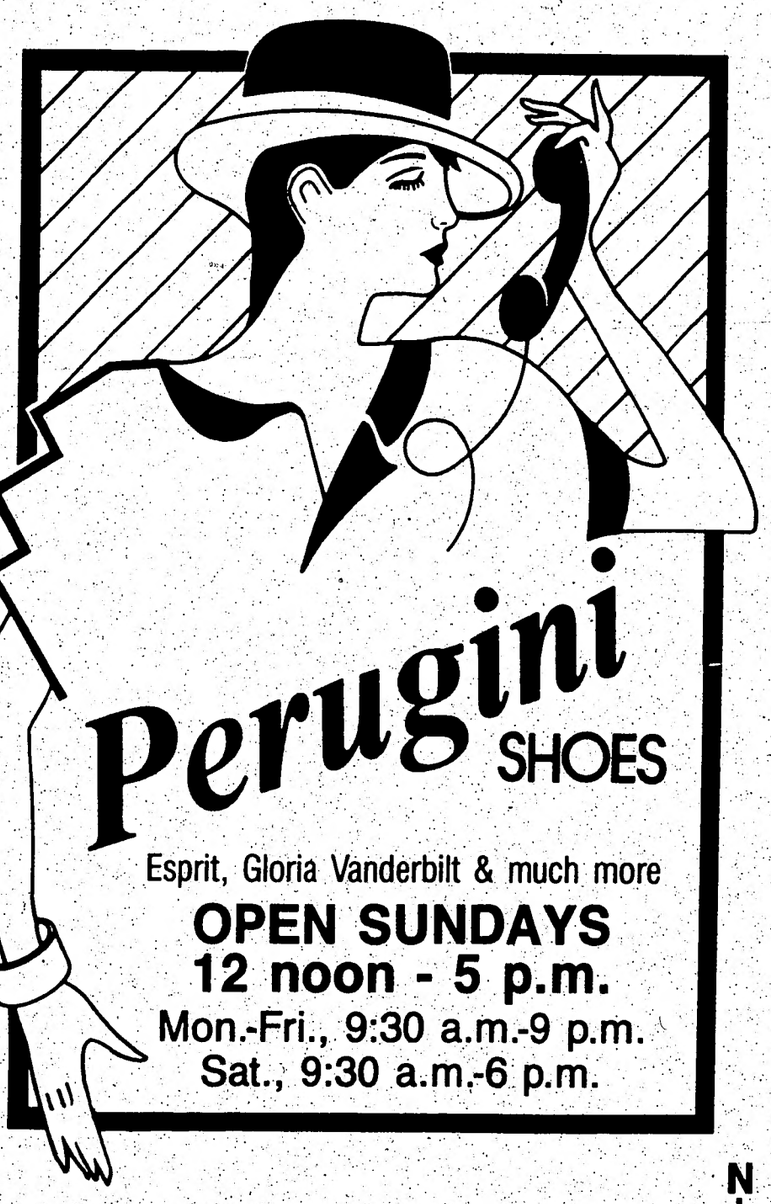
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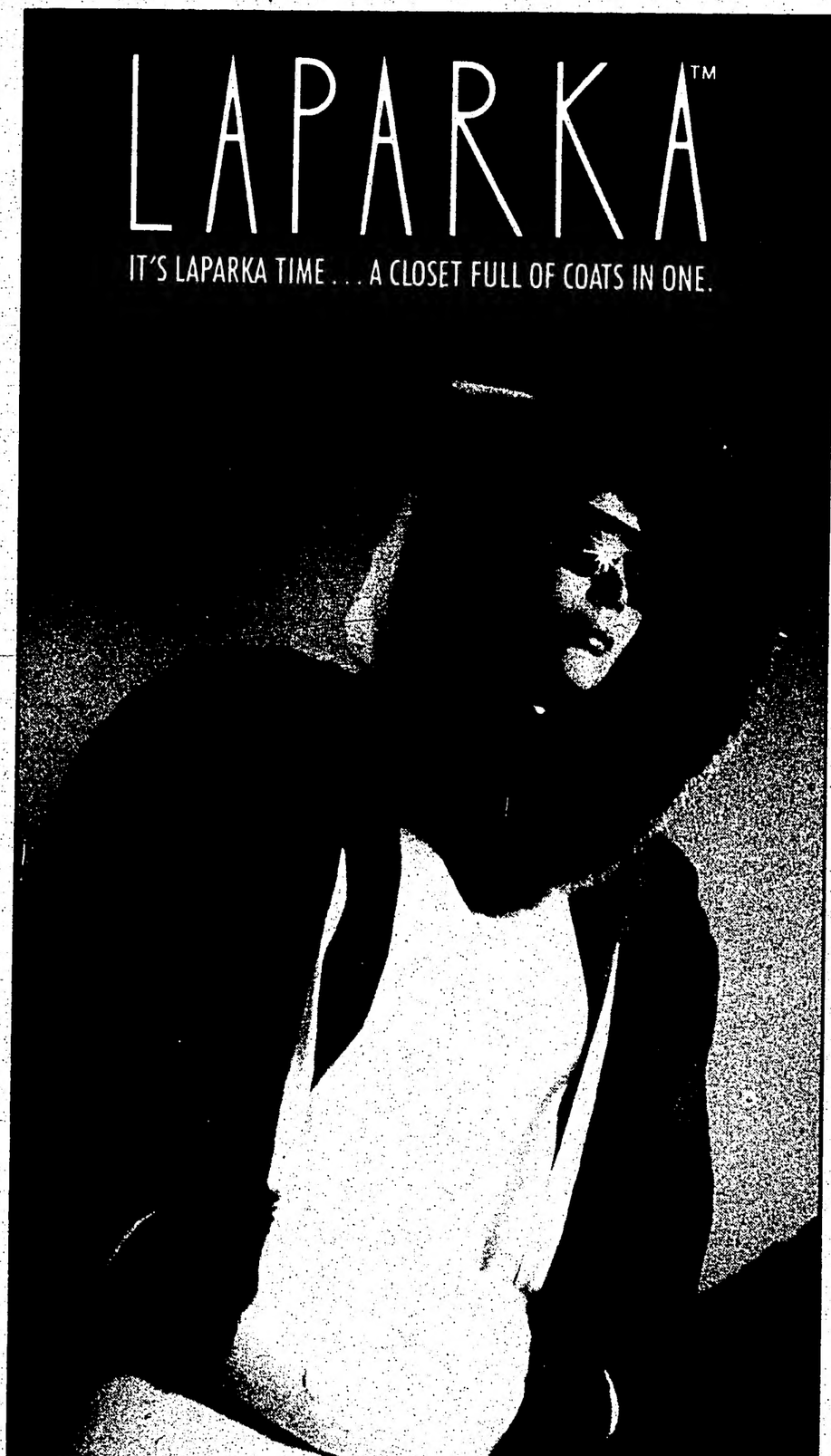
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Gould's features the unusual

By
LORI SMITH

Unusual, one-of-a-kind garments are the mainstays of the collection of fashions offered at Gould's of Toronto.

The store, which is located at 3362 Yonge St., features handpainted sweat shirts, unique T-shirts and an exclusive, extended selection of Leatheralure, a manmade, washable fabric with the look and feel of fine leather.

Marilyn Gould, who owns the store along with her husband Marty, says that they go on buying trips every five or six weeks to such places as New York in an effort to bring their customers unique pieces of clothing.

This summer their collection included blue chambray jumpsuits decorated with white leather fringe, rhinestones and appliques of leather, metal and white stones; T-shirts with chambray, lace and stud details; handpainted sweatshirts featuring clown faces and a tiger peering out of foliage, and a one-of-a-kind, single breasted denim jacket decorated with rainbow stones, wool, satiny quilting, lyrex and ribbons.

"We don't have anything that is overly classic here. It's a fun store for the mature woman. Everything has something on it to give it some pizazz."

This fall and winter their collection will include leatheralure coats, skirts and jackets in brown, black, red, taupe, blue, royal blue and loden. They will be complimented with an ultra suede program in a plethora of colors and specially designed polyester blouses in vibrant prints that have been dyed to match the ultra suede exactly.

Gould says that the ultra suede program is custom tailored so if a woman is small, tall, heavy or has some fit problem, the garments can be constructed just for them.

Other garments in the fall and winter line are imports from New York and Europe; three-quarter, full-length and half jackets; many applique sweaters and T-shirts; Nanell sweaters; suits for working women in herringbone, Glen plaid and dressy checks, and 2-piece coordinating outfits consisting of print skirts and plain tops with matching print detail.

Colors for the season include loden, taupe, blue and cream. The silhouettes offered at the store center around longer skirts in either a full, narrow, pleated or trumpet style and oversized tops.

One exceptional outfit that Gould is bringing in for the season is a leather ensemble that features a jacket with black embroidery on the outer part that can be reversed to a lyrex jacket trimmed with black mink. The jacket is paired with a trumpet skirt in black leather. Both pieces are a size 12.

The handpainted pieces are also unique to the store. Gould says that a customer can bring in any picture — pet, child, grandchild, work of art — and have it painted onto a shirt by a Toronto artist named Rae.

The store, which is decorated in peach and turquoise, is known for the personal touch of its owners. Either Marty or Marilyn are also there providing their customers with first rate service.

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Arts

Judith Ritter mixes music with interviews

CBC broadcaster "loves danger zone of live radio"

By
HEATHER SOLOMON

MONTREAL —

It's hard to keep up with Judith Ritter. One day you may find her under the hood of a car, another day she'll be underwater. But all of Canada has been able to pin her down since June 29 when she got behind a microphone to broadcast her new summer radio show Side by Side through Aug. 7 on CBC Radio.

The national show is only one of many new ventures into which Ritter has plunged herself over the course of her adult life. But it's the first to involve the entire country.

It all began when CBC entertainment broadcaster (for Homerun, Daybreak, Breakaway) Elliot Majerczyk decided that the medium of radio was playing its music too much at random and that it needed a show that would "work with music as a painter works with colors."

The idea was spawned to pair songs from the 30s onward according to their similarities, whether they be from the same composer, or on the same theme or with the same styles (both sung a capella, for instance).

"They could be musically matched or even emotionally matched," says the show's music consultant, "The time was right because there were going to be summer replacements. I approached Judith who has hosted The Breakfast Club, Brave New Waves and Basic Black, and producer Andre LaRiviere, then we submitted the proposal to the network and they loved the idea."

The show is heard from 8.05 to 9 p.m., a time when people relax and are trying to digest both their meals and the day's glut of news information. It is a painless way for listeners to pick up a little music history as well as to cull some summer relaxation through a segment of informal interviews with such guests as comic greats Henry Youngman and David Steinberg, economist Dian Cohen (on her favorite music) and recording group Tchukon.

And in the thick of it, conducting the interviews and carrying the musical mood is Judith Ritter or, as Majerczyk calls her, "the friend on the back porch in the summer."

Ritter has usually evaded the safety of the back porch. She sought to escape from it at an early age when she'd "sneak into Boston" from her home in bridge-linked Winthrop to explore the big city.

When she married, it was to an activist who was shot and wounded during a political riot in Puerto Rico where Ritter was teaching literature and language at the local university.

It was this and Vietnam War resistance that prompted them to move to Montreal in 1970, right in the middle of the October Crisis when they again saw soldiers parading with guns.

Ritter took graduate studies at McGill, taught there, at Loyola and at Dawson College, then moved to Vancouver for seven years where she "broke up knife fights" in her adult basic education classes with students that included illiterate ex-convicts.

"During a period of obligatory manual labor for liberated women, I got a job in an east end Vancouver garage called Mom's Auto Repairs where I taught hands-on-the-dirty-engine auto mechanics to women," she recalls.

Other adventures included teaching at a Hollywood swim school for celebrities' offspring, film extra jobs in flicks starring Charles Bronson and George C. Scott, travels in India where she dressed the part in a sari and a stormy stint crewing on a sailboat between the Canary Islands and the Rock of Gibraltar.

Ritter's return to Montreal three years ago, divorced and with a daughter who's now 5, led her into the calmer waters of lecturing in writing at McGill and starting a new career with CBC Radio.

But Ritter does not regard radio as calm waters, especially live radio. "I love the danger zone of live radio; it's like a fabulous, very fast ping pong game. You have to be alert," she notes.

Though Side By Side is taped daily for its Monday to Friday airings, it still feeds her appetite as a confirmed "radio freak." "There's something magical for me listening to that disembodied voice," she admits, pointing out her collection of old radios that have replaced the TV in her Esplanade home.

The only times, now, when she can live without radio is on weekends when she takes daughter Devorah up to the isolated Laurentian cabin that she built herself, another of Ritter's startling self-sufficiency talents.

However, for Side By Side she'll rely not only on herself but on listeners from Halifax to Toronto to Vancouver "to write to us with suggestions for musical pairs — like Yidl Mitn Fidle matched to Ella Fitzgerald singing Mr. Paganini."

The address is Side By Side, CBC-Radio, Box 6000, Montreal H3C 3A8.

Performances in River's Edge increase movie's shock factor

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

River's Edge is numbing, one of the shockers of the year.

Tim Hunter's film, based on a script by Neal Jiminez, sets up a moral problem and explores it to its fullest.

The results are disturbing. One's faith in human nature is severely shaken. It arouses deep emotions.

Tim (Joshua Miller), a 12-year-old boy, stands on a bridge and mindlessly throws his sister's doll into the fast-flowing river. Before he cycles off, he spies a beefy man sitting next to a nude body on the other bank.

Tim, a delinquent, takes a group of his older brother's friends to view the corpse. They immediately recognize her. She is Jamie, an old school chum.

No one seems shocked or moved. Jamie's death, the result of a brutal murder, leaves them cold. It is as if they do not care.

The only emotion that moves them is morbid curiosity. Instead of reporting the crime to the police, they cover it up. Layne (Crispin Glover), the group's crazed leader, convinces them that they should protect the murderer, Samson (Daniel Roebuck), rather than give vent to their real feelings. What are they to do?

The conspiracy of silence breaks down when Matt (Keanu Reeves) reluctantly spills the beans. Matt is no sweetheart. Like his teenaged companions, he is an aimless, comatose soul, capable of lashing out mindlessly at the world. He takes drugs, drinks too much beer, and seems to have no goals in life.

In a word, he is lost.

But compared to Layne, a hopeless drug addict with delusions of grandeur, or Samson, a human hulk, or Feck (Dennis Hopper), the local drug dealer, Matt is eminently sane and decent.

River's Edge, **now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, explores the terrifying frontiers of human indifference in a prosperous, permissive consumer society where, all too often, children grow up without very much parental guidance.**

Tim Hunter's vision of contemporary America and the wayward teenagers it spawns is dark and morose and disturbing. It represents but one small segment of American society, but what a segment it is!

The film makes an impact on a viewer largely because the performances are so true. With the exception of the veteran Hopper, who is excellent, the cast is composed of newcomers, and they are all splendid.

It is they who endow *River's Edge* with its hammer-like clout.

New Benji feature does not live up to expectations

TORONTO —

Far too few full-length feature films for children are made, so when a new product hits the screen it's a moment for some rejoicing.

Benji the Hunted, now playing at Famous Players theatres, is directed by Joe Camp for Walt Disney.

It has all the right ingredients: animals (some friendly, some ferocious), beautiful scenery (snow-capped mountains in Washington and Oregon) and skillfully-composed, upbeat music.

Cougars rescued

The "hero" of the piece is Benji, a shaggy, selfless hound who rescues a brood of cougar cubs.

Benji is thrown into that situation after he falls overboard when his owner's boat runs into heavy seas. Somehow, Benji survives the storm and swims ashore to a wooded area. Meanwhile, his owner hires a helicopter to look for him.

After drying off and resting, Benji witnesses the shooting of a mother cougar by a hunter. In time, Benji finds her hungry, vulnerable cubs and resolves to take care of them.

In protecting them from predators, Benji wards off a black timber wolf, a Kodiak bear and an eagle. And he is a good provider: the cubs are fed regularly.

Although *Benji the Hunted* has everything going for it, the film bogs down occasionally because it is a mite too long, sometimes just too pat and not always as riveting as it should be.

After a while, I could hear the restlessness in the audience, and, within about an hour, my 5-year-old daughter began to fidget, too.

But the film, for the most part, is enjoyable. Benji is a lovable dog and most kids will take to him. — S.K.

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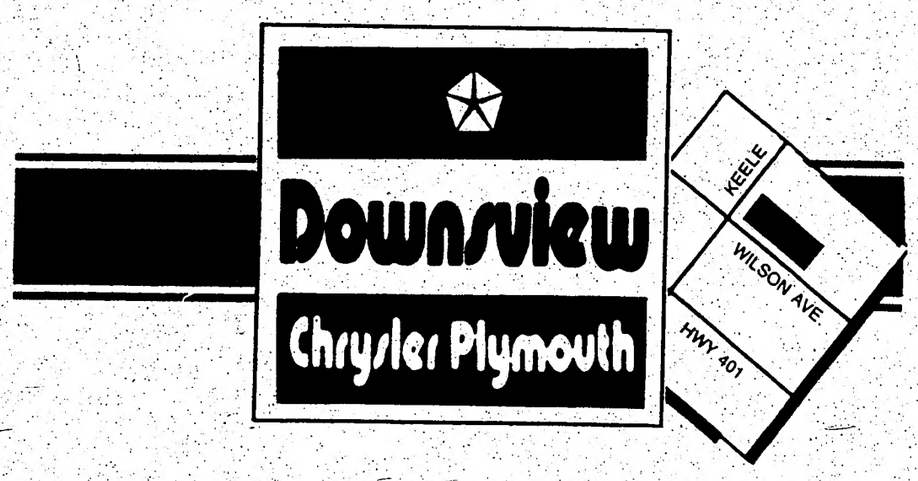

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Ellington's most luscious tunes

Sophisticated Ladies looks like big winner

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — Some of the singing voices in the cast of 10 are just passable.

And the 5-piece jazz band, conducted by David Warrack, sometimes drowns out the high notes of the two principal stars, Arlene Duncan and Rudy Webb, who have superb singing voices.

But apart from those quibbles, *Sophisticated Ladies* is a sultry, sexy, bluesy, utterly entrancing musical valentine to the late Duke Ellington.

This revival of the 1981 Tony award-winning Broadway musical hit recently strutted into the Limelight Dinner Theatre at 2026 Yonge (482-5200) for an indefinite run. I predict that artistic director Adolf Toman has got himself another winner that will lure tourists like mad all summer.

Cotton Club fantasy

It's the white man's glamorized fantasy of what the Cotton Club *might* have been like in Harlem's heyday.

It's got 34 of the most luscious tunes written by that most regal of jazz composers who died in 1974, Edward Kennedy (Duke) Ellington.

It's got that stunning beauty, Arlene Duncan, and that bearded charmer, Rudy Webb. Singly or in duets, the seductive pair spend the evening scat singing their "doo-wahs" through *It Don't Mean A Thing If You Ain't Got That Swing*, or exchanging delicious comic banter in *I'm Checking Out — Goombye*, or wailing the torchy blues in *Do Nothing Til You Hear From Me* and *I Got It Bad And That Ain't Good*.

It's got Donald Waugh, a recent newcomer from England, who is the most sensational Black tap dancer I've seen since Dennis Simpson blew into town a decade ago from the Caribbean. Besides being a sensuous soft-shoe hoofer and a Jack-in-the-Box high kicker, he has the gleaming eyes and glittery teeth and mobile face of a natural clown, and I predict a great future for him.

Besides, it has some very slinky ladies, in spangles and tights, with top hats and canes, who are very sophisticated indeed, among them such satin dolls as Tricia Adams and Kelly Margaret Bodanis and Debra Benjamin and Suzanne Brody.

— The choreography by Brian Foley is witty and inventive, especially a scene in which a quartet of zoot-suited dudes mime playing poker while furiously tap-dancing.

I would have liked some commentary establishing Ellington in his time and place in North American culture. He was once asked how he felt about the color bar which for years kept his jazz band out of the best clubs in the deep U.S. South.

"I merely took the energy it takes to pout," he replied, "and wrote some blues."

Some of the most poignant melodies in the show, *Solitude* and *In A Mellow Tone* and *Mood Indigo*, have since become the loss of the racists and the gain of the rest of the world.

The opening night show concluded with the entire audience clapping hands and joining in the beat of those syncopating, infectious rhythms that were the hallmark of the Duke's remarkable output.

The title of one of the songs in the show reflected their heartfelt attitude toward this Ellington valentine: *Love You Madly.*

Donald Waugh (left), Kelly Margaret Bodanis, Dale Azzard and Debra Benjamin are among the standout slinky and sexy hoofers in Sophisticated Ladies at the Limelight Dinner Theatre.

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Catalogue documents the changes in city's streets

TORONTO —

A new catalogue from the City of Toronto planning and development department documents how ownership changes, merchandising trends, architecture and public taste, have shaped the appearance and atmosphere of Toronto's retail streets.

Window on Toronto is a 48-page publication filled with facts and photos drawn from the city archives.

It is "intended to promote a greater understanding of the elements that contribute to a storefront's success particularly among architects and planners," writes Robert Millward, Toronto commissioner of planning and development.

The catalogue, written by architect Lorne Cappe, was produced in conjunction with a Toronto Market Gallery exhibit on display last fall under the same title. It too emphasized the importance of storefronts to the health and vitality of the city.

The little book combines historical photographs with contemporary images, and informed commentary on what makes a city livable.

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Copies of Window on Toronto, priced at $4 each, are available from the Resource Centre, main floor, Toronto City Hall. For more information, call (416) 392-7410.

Execution of satire fails to live up to its concept

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Blacks have been maligned by the American film industry. Until very recently, they were stuck in stereotypical roles that reflected their second-class status in U.S. society.

Blacks were portrayed as lazy, happy-go-lucky farm hands, as solemn, eunuch-like butlers who bowed and scraped before their white masters or as wild, goggle-eyed monsters who molested pretty Southern maidens.

Stereotyping is a still a problem, and job opportunities are not what they should be, but, for Black actors, times have definitely changed for the better in recent years.

Hollywood Shuffle, **written, directed and produced by Robert Townsend, is a satire on white attitudes toward Blacks in the movies. Now playing at the Cineplex Odeon chain, it turns on a mythical character, Bobby Taylor (Townsend), a young Los Angeles actor trying to establish himself as an actor.**

Taylor is continually taking time off from his job at Winky Dinky Dog, a hot dog stand, because of auditions. His boss is on to him, and threatens to fire Bobby if he doesn't shape up.

Bobby, however, has a burning dream. He wants to break into film and leave behind Winky Dinky Dog as a bad memory. The white folks at Tinsel Town Pictures like Bobby and they offer him work. But there is a catch: they expect him to perform like a traditional Hollywood Black. In other words, they expect Bobby to demean himself.

Despite grave misgivings, Bobby pounces on the opportunity. But soon enough, he has second thoughts and redeems himself.

As a sendup, *Hollywood Shuffle* pokes wicked fun at the system, and elicits occasional laughs and chuckles. Townsend is obviously the star. He is a talented and versatile actor who should go far.

But the film is essentially a failure. Far too often, it strains on the leash, being too facile and much too obvious. And invariably, the humor falls flat.

Worse still, Townsend commits the worst faux pas a director can make — he bores a viewer.

The concept is laudable but the execution is not.

Paperbacks explain problem, suggest responses

AIDS is changing our lives

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

AIDS: The Deadly Epidemic, by Graham Hancock & Enver Carim. Victor Gollancz, $7.95 U.S.; The Truth About AIDS, by Ann Fettner & William Check, Henry Holt, $8.95 U.S.; When Someone You Love Has AIDS, by Betty C. Moffat, NAL, $8.95 U.S.

It is hard to believe that AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) was first reported in North America only six years ago. It is now estimated that over a million persons in the United States and Canada have been infected with the newly discovered virus.

Although most of these men and women have no symptoms of illness, it is widespread medical opinion that most of them will eventually fall victim to the scourge in one form or another, for which there is no known cure. Experts in the field predict that during the next four years 180,000 North Americans will die from this modern plague.

Compared to plagues throughout history, AIDS appears to present only a limited cause for alarm. Yet, it has provoked extremely high levels of distress and anxiety resulting in an unprecedented wave of hysteria, prejudice and irrational behavior.

It is affecting people's choice of friends and placing heavy strains on trust and loyalty. Traditional support systems are breaking down — some doctors are refusing to treat AIDS patients, children have been ostracized at school. Society is beginning to treat its most vulnerable members as lepers.

But just as there is a danger of turning AIDS into a moral panic, detached from any kind of reasonable or realistic analysis of the facts, there is also the danger of downplaying the disastrous implications of the disease.

How will AIDS affect us? What will be its impact on our community?

It will affect us emotionally in terms of the illness and death of loved ones and friends. It will affect us financially, in terms of how we spend limited available funds for the public health — and other necessary health needs. It will affect us in terms of our privacy as governments increasingly intrude on our personal lives. It will affect health professionals who will be confronted with unusual burdens because of the intensity of the physical and emotional needs of AIDS patients. It will affect us in terms of what we teach our children in school, and the very nature of our sexual mores and behavior patterns.

All aspects covered

More than 150 books on all aspects of the AIDS problem have appeared in the past three or four years. The three paperbound volumes under consideration are typical: they present the medical findings in layman's terms, indicate how the disease can be avoided and offer suggestions to those who minister to victims of the malady.

Men and women can eliminate, or substantially reduce, the risk of becoming infected by observing precautions based on knowledge on how the virus is transmitted. Communities can help prevent AIDS by vigorous attempts to educate their populations about the illness, with special emphasis on members of high-risk groups.

This much is clear: AIDS is a global threat of considerable magnitude. It is something that the world has not encountered before. It will prove extremely difficult to deal with and will get a great deal worse before there is any prospect of it getting better.

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Israel's national theatre survives tough times

Habima marks 70th birthday

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
When budget cuts in Israel prompted newspaper headlines that Habima, the national theatre, would close its doors, a group of workers from a town outside Tel Aviv camped on the steps where Ora Goldenberg lives, awaiting her return.

"They said pure and simple that they would strike if the theatre closed," said Goldenberg, founder and international chairperson of Friends of Habima.

Fortunately, the government withdrew some of its threatened cuts and Habima, now in its 70th anniversary year, was able to keep

Ora Goldenberg

intact its record of never closing since 1917.

Goldenberg was in Toronto to address a garden party given by the local Friends of Habima at the home of Beatrice and Dr. Martin Fischer, a party also attended by Israel Gur-Arieh, Israeli ambassador to Canada.

Goldenberg said the money raised abroad is not used for the operating budget of Habima but instead to support special projects.

These include subsidizing ticket prices for low income families in the Tel Aviv area and financing day-long appearances of Habima units in new development towns, schools, factories, border settlements and army bases.

As well, the money finances an experimental unit in Habima where young performers can audition, and scholarships for young actors, musicians and producers.

Goldenberg said the subsidy for Habima tickets for low-income groups is done in such a way that they are able to buy tickets for any six productions on a first-come, first-served basis so that on any night they are mixed in with the rest of the audience.

Habima is observing its 70th anniversary by touring three plays over a 6-week period beginning in late August to festivals in West Berlin, Copenhagen and Belgrade.

On Oct. 22, Habima itself will be honored at a gala sponsored by the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra and attended by President Chaim Herzog and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. On Nov. 10 there will be a special meeting of the Knesset and a reception in honor of Habima.

Toronto enthusiasm cited

Goldenberg invited members of the Toronto Friends of Habima who will be in Israel on those dates to attend as guests of the theatre.

"Among all the Habima groups all over the world, the Toronto chapter is the most devoted and enthusiastic," Goldenberg said, paying tribute to Beatrice Fischer and Lucille Brown, the current co-chairmen, and to Marvelle Koffler, Dorothy Shoichet and Hava Rosen, previous leaders.

This is the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Toronto group, she noted.

Another 70th anniversary event will be the publication in September of a new history of Habima in book-album form containing 250 pictures, in Hebrew and English versions.

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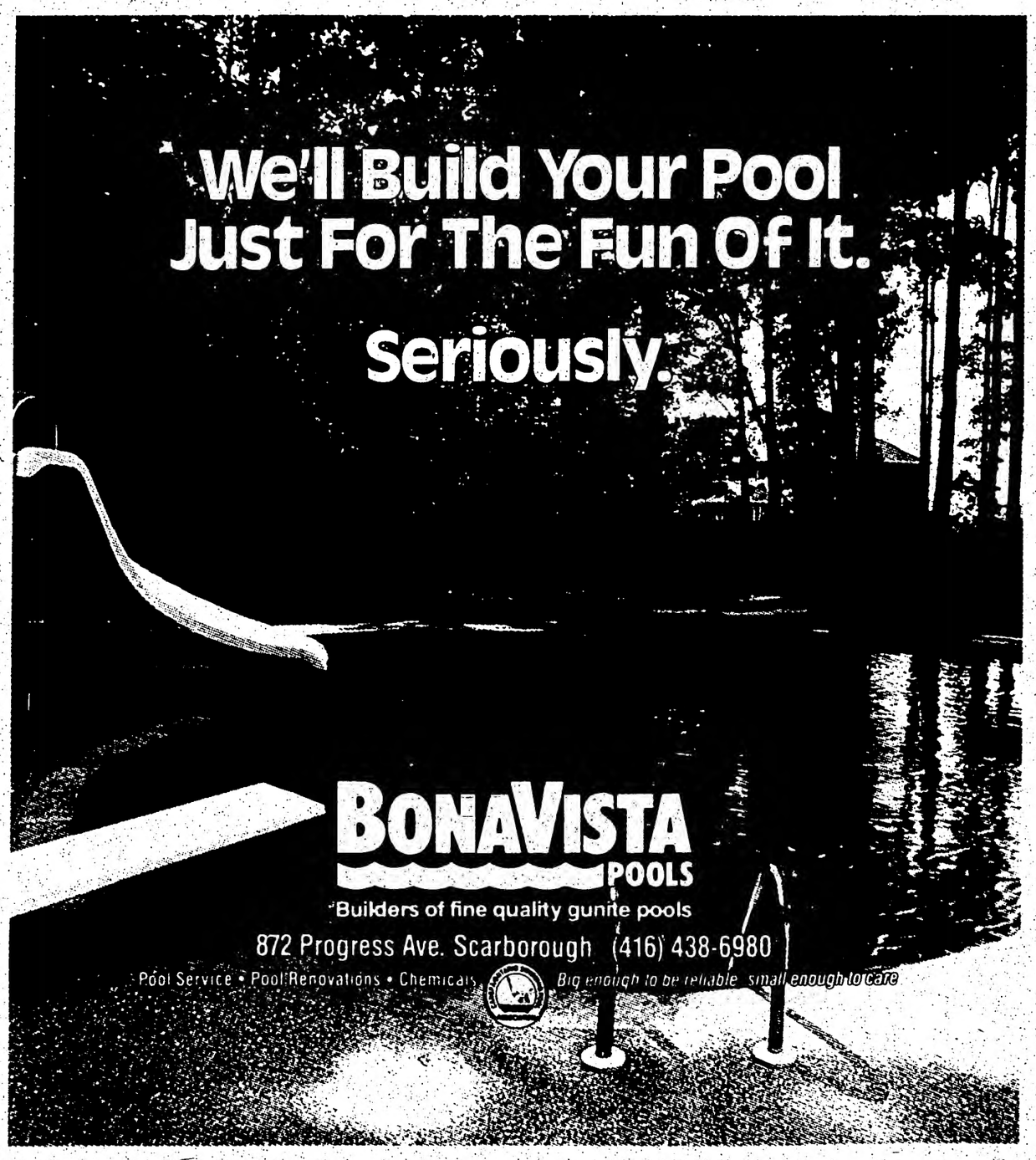
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Swiss Alps peak of perfection in picturesque locale

Grindelwald, the well known alpine village in the Bernese Oberland. Background, to the left its the Wetterhorn, to the right is the Mettenberg.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

JUNGFRAUJOCH, Switzerland —

Here, in Jungfraujoch, commonly referred to as the Top of Europe, the utter stillness and incomparable beauty of an eternally snowbound world presents itself to an awe-struck traveller.

At 3,454 metres above sea level, Jungfraujoch is not the highest peak in the majestic Alps. But in terms of accessibility, there is no higher mountain an ordinary tourist can reach.

Jungfraujoch, which towers over the charming alpine village of Grindelwald, was once like a virginal maiden, untouched and pure. But in 1912, after 16 years of construction, a cog railway was built and Jungfraujoch was finally penetrated by the swelling tourist trade.

Today, there is no higher railway station in Europe than Jungfraujoch, one of Switzerland's prime tourist attractions. Visited daily by hordes of curious travellers, many of whom seem to be camera-toting Japanese, Jungfraujoch offers a traveller spectacular, ethereal views, particularly in clear weather.

From Grindelwald, you take a train to Kleine Scheidegg, a somnolent but pretty resort above the tree line. From here, you switch over to a brown-and-cream train that climbs 1,370 metres, partly through a series of tunnels.

The next stop is Eigerwand, followed by Eismeer. In each place, you can get off and look through slightly-misted windows with magnificent views of verdant valleys and bleak, snow-clad mountains.

After about 1 hour, you're in Jungfraujoch.

To explore Jungfraujoch, which consists of several tunnels leading to different places, you'll need about 60 to 90 minutes. A high-speed elevator whisks you up to the Sphinx Terrace, and from here, you can see brooding peaks like the Eiger and the Monch.

The silence is deafening, almost music to the ears.

From the terrace, where the temperature was -7 celsius when I was here, I watched a group of intrepid French skiers, accompanied by a frisky St. Bernard, ski merrily down into the 16-kilometre long primeval Aletsch Glacier. Around these parts, skiing is possible the year round. In fact, Jungfraujoch is known for its summer ski school.

And on fair days, from June until about October, you can be a little adventurous and take husky dog rides.

Another place worth visiting is the Ice Palace, which cuts through a glacier of solid, impenetrable ice. Ice sculptures of cars and bars greet you as you lumber oy.

The air is thin at these altitudes, and if you rush too much, you'll find yourself out of breath. Ease up your pace. As one guide book puts it: "Please forget that you are young."

Another warning: bring warm clothing. It is always cold in this blindingly white world of ice and snow.

After you've seen everything, sit down in Jungfraujoch's spanking new restaurant and enjoy a meal of a hot soup and a meat platter. You'll feel infinitely better.

The Jungfraujoch lies in the Bernese Oberland, which, more than any other region of Switzerland, typifies the Alps. Poets, painters and writers from Byron to Goethe have been inspired by its unforgettable landscapes.

Covering an area of about 4,000 square kilometres, the Bernese Oberland is composed of nine major valleys, two lakes and scenic towns like Wengen, Murren, Gstaad, Interlaken and Grindelwald.

In summer (May to October), when the area is transformed into a garden of colorful wildflowers, you can hike on clearly-marked trails to your heart's content, and, if you're fit and superbly-trained, you can even attempt to climb mountains.

In winter (December to April), the skiiers invade en masse. Needless to say, the skiiing is letter perfect.

I used Grindelwald, a picturesque town 1,050 metres above sea level and 3 hours by train from Zurich airport, as a base from which to explore a small part of the Bernese Oberland.

I stayed in the comfortable, down-to-earth Hotel Silberhorn, a 4-star kosher hostelry from whose spacious, well-lit dining room I could make out the treacherous north face of the Eiger, the Wetterhorn and the Schreckhorn.

I visited the lookout at Pfingstegg. Leaning over the railing, I looked into the valley where Grindelwald nestled peacefully.

To my regret, I was unable to use the trails. A late winter storm had blocked them, and I had to content myself with a leisurely walk to Grindelwald.

The greatest atttraction in Grindelwald itself is the First cablecar — the longest in Europe. The lift carries you past five stations, to an altitude of 2,163 metres, in about 30 minutes. Bring a sweater along, even in summer, for you may encounter snow in First, the last stop.

On the way down, I got off at Bort. And there, on a ledge from which I could see awesome glaciers, I watched sky divers running madly down an incline until they were airborne, yelping in ecstacy.

Having fortified myself with a cup of hot chocolate, I then proceeded to walk down to Grindelwald, along quiet pathways bordering cool, scented pine forests and a gurgling stream.

Such was the sheer beauty of the surroundings that I felt I was in paradise.

It was, if you can excuse the pun, heavenly.

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BUENOS AIRES —

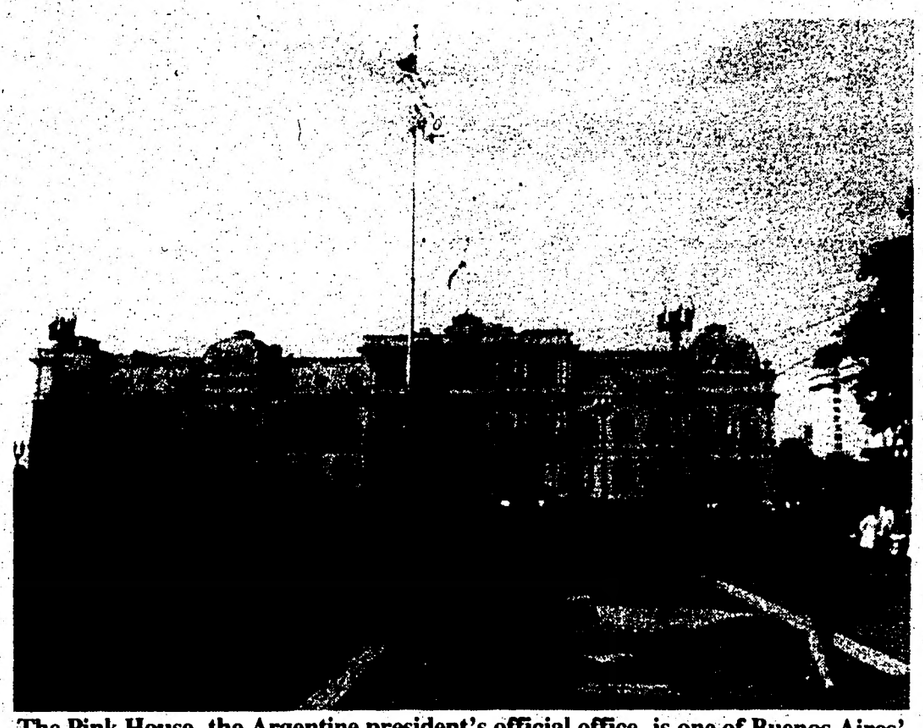
If you're planning to visit this Argentine capital, throw away your preconceptions of South America.

Images of natives in ponchos, gut-wrenching poverty and Spanish-style colonial architecture give way to the sight of a vibrant, cosmopolitan city that cultivates an aura of sophistication and worldliness. The central core of the city is dotted with public monuments, and narrow streets cut their way past buildings whose architecure owes more to Paris designers than to Spanish landowners.

Though the average Argentine struggles to make a living, sometimes taking two jobs to make ends meet, the city centre offers a reminder that Argentina is one of the continent's richest nations.

In fact, many Argentines take great pains to show off their wealth. Grand dames in lush fur coats frequent not just the beautiful, baroque Colon Theater opera house, but can be found in the shops and restaurants throughout the city, especially the upscale Recoleta area.

Men in the finest-cut suits, their heads held high and with a ramrod stiff bearing, cut their way through the streets on the way, you imagine, to an important business meeting or to discuss matters pertaining to their huge estancias — ranches.



The Pink House, the Argentine president's official office, is one of Buenos Aires' many beautiful public buildings. [Paul Lungen photo]

The middle and upper classes of Argentina are doing quite well, by all appearances.

One of the South America's few democracies, Argentina is bedeviled by still unresolved questions about the country's future. Even the seat of government, now in Buenos Aires, may be relocated southwards to Viedma if government plans are approved by Congress.

But while questions of politics receive constant attention, Argentines love to live life to the fullest.

They dress well, eat well, smoke like there is no tomorrow and never seem to sleep.

If you take a walk down Avenida Cordoba, past the numerous boutiques selling leather goods, jewelry made of the unique Inca Rose stone and thick woolen sweaters, you will find one of Buenos Aires' most memorable sights — a simple parrilla.

And standing in front of the parrilla, flanking its entrance, are two glassy-eyed, stuffed Hereford bulls. In case the two beasts didn't provide enough of a hint as to the dining fare at this particular parrilla (steakhouse), a peek into La Chacra's (Cordoba 941) front window will reveal dining delights for the confirmed carnivore.

Metal staves to which huge chunks of bife (beef) and goat have been fastened ring a white-hot wood fire. If your traveling credo is "when in Rome, do as the Romans," then when in Buenos Aires, a repast at one of the city's many parrillas is a must.

Argentines love to eat beef, in quantities so large they bring gasps of amazement from visiting North Americans. Barbecued steak in 16 oz. portions and even bigger, goat, flank and internal organs (you don't want to know which ones) are dished up sizzling at your table. Those on salt-free diets be forewarned: Argentine cooks use the spice liberally.

Bife is to Argentina what chicken soup is to Jews. There are, of course, restaurants serving a lighter fare; soups and sandwiches and a rich flavorful coffee are served everywhere. For Jewish diners, there's Sucat David, offering kosher Sephardic specialties (Azcuenaga 583), Noah's Ark (Angel Gallardo St.), Tiferet (Azcuenaga 627), Pizzeria Kosher (Viamonte at Azcuenaga) and Juanita Rozemberg (Arribenos 2148).

Argentines love to eat. It's one of the country's pastimes and hours are spent over dinner or just coffee. Supper begins at 10 and goes on late into the night. In Buenos Aires, you need never sleep, as clubs, discos and cafes remain open to the wee hours. Those still awake at dawn often head down to the attractive restaurants that flank the River Plata for a breakfast of steak and eggs, or so we were told.

Visitors to this city of 11 million need not spend their entire day planning their next meal. A walk through the core area inevitably turns up something of interest. One especially off-beat building is the Obras Sanitarias de la Nacion — the public works building — that has the look of an architect's rococo nightmare.

From a base in the bustling city's central core — our group stayed at the very British Claridge Hotel — it's a short walk to Florida Ave., a pedestrian street lined with shops that beckon the tourist dollar.

Argentina is a mecca for lovers of leather goods such as jackets, pants, purses and travel bags. Some shops offer clothing in calf's leather (very soft), kidskin (even softer) and leather made from "unborn" calves that is so soft, it feels like silk.

Cashmere and wool sweaters are a steal in BA; at Sylvia Y Mario's (de Alvear 624, 4th floor), you can talk to the designer-owner over rich, dark coffee.

A must for visitors of Buenos Aires is a tango show. The one at Casa Rosada (Chile 318) positively sizzles as the dancers leave you gaping at their passionate, intertwining leg movements.

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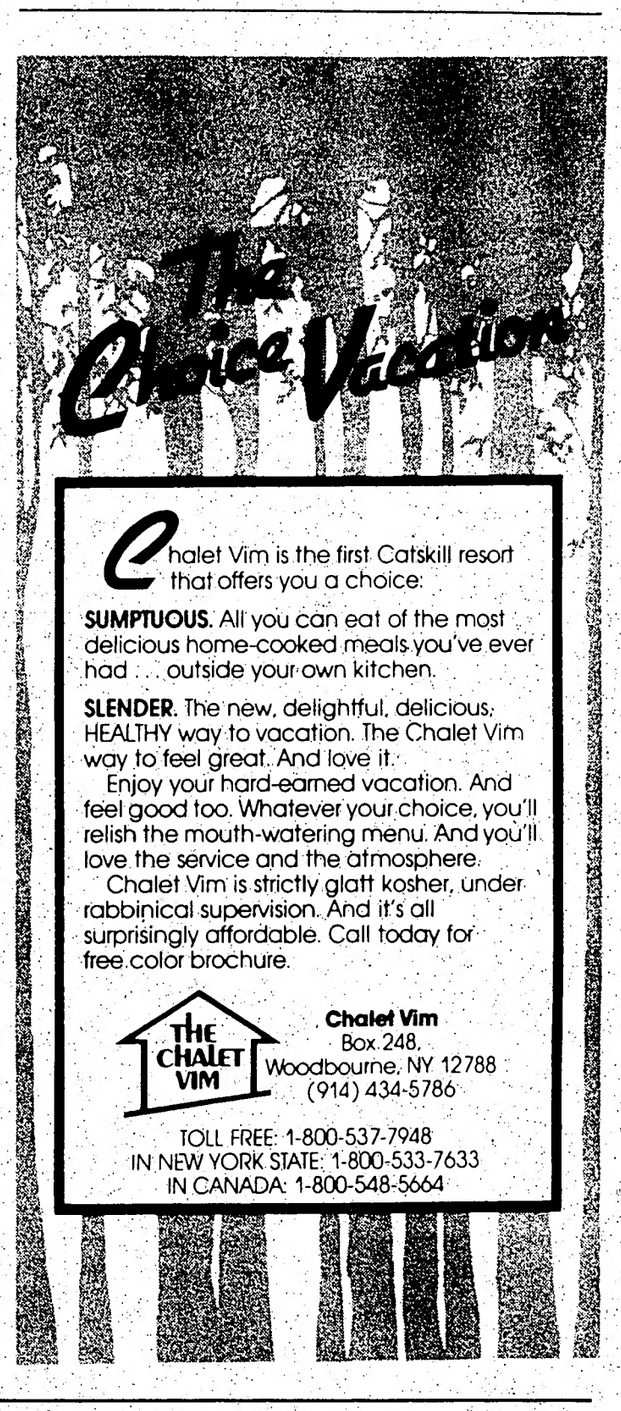

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Bleeman, Harry on June 21, 1987, late of 11 Rajah St.
Cohen, Pearl on June 20, 1987, late of Barton Place Nursing Home.
Leizerman, Victor on June 20, 1987, late of 132 Shaftsbury Dr.
Leslie, Ben on June 20, 1967, late of 40 Orchard Cres.
Long, Samuel on June 18, 1967, late of 6200 Bathurst St., #1514.
Naiman, Jacob on June 17, 1987, late of 165 Shelborne Ave.
Ross, Murray on June 12, 1987, late of 10 Shallmar Blvd., #809.
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Pioneer in the field

Menkes starts luxury condo development

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — It's summer in the city and Menkes Developments is planting some jasmine, lilac and carnations just south of Metro's border.

When completed in spring/summer 1989, The Primrose, Menkes' latest condominium endeavor, will not necessarily have the best garden in the Bathurst-Steeles area, but it will represent the firm's newest and most up-to-date residential contribution to one of our main Jewish districts.

The Primrose will consist of three towers on Steeles Ave. just west of Bathurst. Each 17-storey tower will have 213 units in 13 suite-types named after fragrant flowers such as jasmine, lilac, carnation, lily of the valley, azalea, honeysuckle and lavender.

All designs include sunshine ceilings in the kitchen, washer/dryer space, in-suite security alarm systems, ceramic tile in kitchens and bathrooms, custom designed kitchen cupboards, built-in dishwashers and individually controlled air conditioning and heating units. Most suites include sun dens with sliding patio doors and some have outdoor balconies.

Suite sizes range from 987 square feet to 1,400 square feet and prices range from $144,000 to $185,000. Architectural design will allow for six corner suites per floor.

Similar to Menkes Developments' Promenade Towers at Clark and Bathurst in nearby Thornhill, The Primrose will include Club Primrose which will provide complete exercise facilities, swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, squash and tennis courts, hobby, party and video rooms.

The Primrose is the latest luxury condominium undertaken by the development company which built the first condominium in Scarborough in 1969. The company itself began in 1956 when Murray Menkes began building single-family homes. Today, along with his three sons Alan, Steven and Peter, Menkes Developments is involved in developing condominiums and first-class office buildings.

Almost a decade after Menkes opened its doors for business, the firm moved into the Bathurst corridor when it started building the 4-tower Forest Hills complex on Bathurst St. north of Finch. At that time a new concept was added.

"We introduced a sales centre totally outside the building which became the Forest Hills spa," said Alan Menkes, vice-president in charge of development in the family-run firm. "We built a million dollar facility prior to the beginning of construction and, basically, the spa was a facility that would be shared by all the buildings. From a recreation packaging standpoint, we were one of the early people who put that idea in place and used it as part of our marketing approach."

Since then the sale of condominium units has soared across the Toronto region. Menkes attributes this to the lack of new rental accommodation and the gradual acceptance of condos as a form of real estate ownership.

He said the condo lifestyle is especially "enticing" to two age groups: the older couple or "empty nesters" who no longer require a house or may be seeking a more relaxed lifestyle, and young people who can build up equity in real estate without buying a house. At the same time, Menkes said, condos provide the recreation facilities many young people seek.

Menkes said all of the company's condominium projects throughout Metro Toronto are designed to cater to the particular neighborhood and include similar recreation facilities. These projects include The Ambassadors on McCowan Rd. in Scarborough, 30 Holly St. in the Yonge-Eglinton area, and Place Nouveau on Yonge north of Finch.

Of course, like the rest of the Jewish community, Menkes has not limited itself to the confines of Metro Toronto. In the early 1980s it moved north of Steeles into Thornhill building Forest Hills North at Bathurst and Centre. Just south of that, Menkes is working on phases 2 and 3 of the Promenade Towers, with occupancy of the second tower slated for spring 1988 and the third in the fall of 1988.

Alan Menkes said the company was attracted to building condominiums in the Bathurst-Steeles area because of the concentration of rental buildings found there.

"This is the opportunity for them to own and live in something new which they haven't had before."

He added that the area is attractive because of the Promenade shopping mall which opened last year.

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To. PR firm joins international consortium

By
LEN BUTCHER

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A happy and proud David Eisenstadt, president of The Communications Group Inc. (TCG), told The Canadian Jewish News that belonging to The Pinnacle Group "has given us additional credibility and sets an exciting stage for the future of this company."

Sitting in his office at 85 Scarsdale Rd., Eisenstadt talked about his company — which celebrates its 14th anniversary this month — and The Pinnacle Group.

"We are a Toronto-based public relations consulting firm representing some 37 Canadian and multinational clients in a variety of areas including real estate, hi-tech, financial, engineering, even an advertising agency, as well as a number of associations."

TCG bills more than $1 million in fees and has a staff of 16 which includes his partner/wife Rhoda, who, he says, "carries a full client load."

As to how and why his firm was selected to join The Pinnacle Group, Eisenstadt says that a Canadian company, Public Industrial Relations, had been the Canadian member for about four years.

"But it then sold the equity in the company to a multinational firm, which meant losing its independent status.

"Then out of the blue, we received a call last September from the principal of the New York-based partner saying a short list of five Canadian firms had been put together and they wanted more information on our company than what they already had which was a lot."

Following this request, several of the top people from New York visited Eisenstadt to look over his operation. Shortly after, TCG was invited to make a presentation to The Pinnacle Group members in Washington.

The presentation was made in November. An election followed and TCG became a member.

"What essentially happens," says Eisenstadt, "is that each member purchases a share so that each member has one share, one vote.

The advantage to being a member?

Eisenstadt is quick to respond. "We represent a firm in Montreal that's involved in the computer systems consulting business. They have developed a new product which they are launching in the United States.

"We are holding a news conference in Montreal and one in Boston, which is being handled by our Boston partner. The Montreal company is more than happy with this because he knows that senior people, who are well-acquainted with the U.S. market, will be working for him.

"I will tell you that we would not have been awarded this account if we could not have pulled the Pinnacle card out of our hand."

Eisenstadt says the big advantage to an operation such as this is research capability. "For example, let's assume your company is in a very serious crisis management situation or major labor management scenario and you need particular expertise.

"Instead of us saying, 'Well, let me see . . .' we call experts from our partner firms and ask them to come to Toronto and brainstorm the situation.

"So now we can say to our client, 'Not only will I do a job for you, but my partners will as well . . .' so we can't and won't let them down.

"I've been told that the Pinnacle partners probably work harder on Pinnacle partner business because not only do you have to do a job to please your client, but you can't let down your partner in Denver, Houston or wherever.

"It's not 1-stop shopping, but it's awfully close."

David Eisenstadt

The Pinnacle Group partners meet four times a year and this year, says Eisenstadt, "They are meeting this month right here in Toronto.

"I feel very good about it, because we made a real concerted effort to bring them here and show them what a wonderful city Toronto is."

Eisenstadt is a westerner who cut his teeth as a journalist with the Calgary Albertan while a student. After graduating from the University of Alberta with a degree in political science, he moved into the public relations field as a corporate PR representative for IBM Canada Ltd.

He then joined an ad agency before forming TCG in 1973. "My attitude at The Communications Group about public relations is that we are as good as our last job.

"We work very, very hard to make sure everything is right, working on the premise that everything we do has to be as close to perfect as we can get it."

TJC studies implications of tax reform proposals

By
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TORONTO —
"We just don't know."

Finance Minister Michael Wilson's recent white paper on tax reform has left Toronto Jewish Congress in doubt as to just where it stands when it comes to fund raising. Will it be better off under the new rules, more or less the same, or worse off?

Executive director Steve Ain's answer, within one week of the announcement of the proposals, is delivered with the proviso that Congress is studying the implications of Wilson's proposals with its tax lawyers and accountants. Congress will also discuss the question with other organizations interested in the repercussions of Wilson's white paper before announcing its view, he said.

But according to a spokesman for the Coalition of National Voluntary Organizations, charitable donors in upper income brackets will have less incentive to give money to needy institutions.

Under the tax scheme introduced by Wilson, charitable deductions have been converted to tax credits. Money given to charity will trigger a tax credit (an amount deducted from taxes payable) — 17% for the first $250 and 29% for the balance up to a maximum of 20% of income.

Because the same donation from income earners in different brackets is calculated in the same way, donations will benefit upper and medium income earners equally.

However, critics point to a loss of incentive among high income earners to give to charity. Under the pre-white paper system, charitable donations were considered *deductions* and benefitted the higher earners more than lower income people.

In fact, the higher the tax bracket, the greater the tax benefit.

A person in the 50% bracket who donates $1,000, for example, will have had to pay only $500 out of pocket, since he or she was going to lose $500 as taxes anyway. Someone in a 30% bracket who makes a $1,000 gift will have made a $700 outlay since only $300 will have gone for income taxes. In effect, the higher income earner would receive a greater benefit than the lower income earner, even though they made the same $1,000 donation. The donation cost the lower income earner $200 more ($700 vs. $500) than the wealthier donor.

The white paper proposals "will affect the behavior of the people who give large amounts to charities," said Douglas Barr, chairman of the task force on tax incentives for the Coalition of National Voluntary Organizations. It remains to be seen, however, how the changes will affect the Jewish community with its long tradition of supporting community institutions and Israel.

At a tax reform breakfast recently, the Toronto accounting firm of Mintz & Partners examined some of the white paper's repercussions, concluding that among those hardest hit were those who use automobiles for business or employment purposes.

Most of the benefits resulting from depreciating car expenses will be lost unless the car is used strictly for business 90% of the time, about 350 Mintz clients were told. Careful logging of car use is required and certain expenses for insurance, licensing and parking have been disallowed as of 1988.

A second provision which managing partner Harley Mintz called "draconian" would see Wilson "virtually declare war on tax avoidance."

The white paper's proposed rules would ignore any "avoidance transaction" that results in a significent reduction, avoidance, deferral or refund of tax unless the transaction has been carried out primarily for bona fide business purposes.

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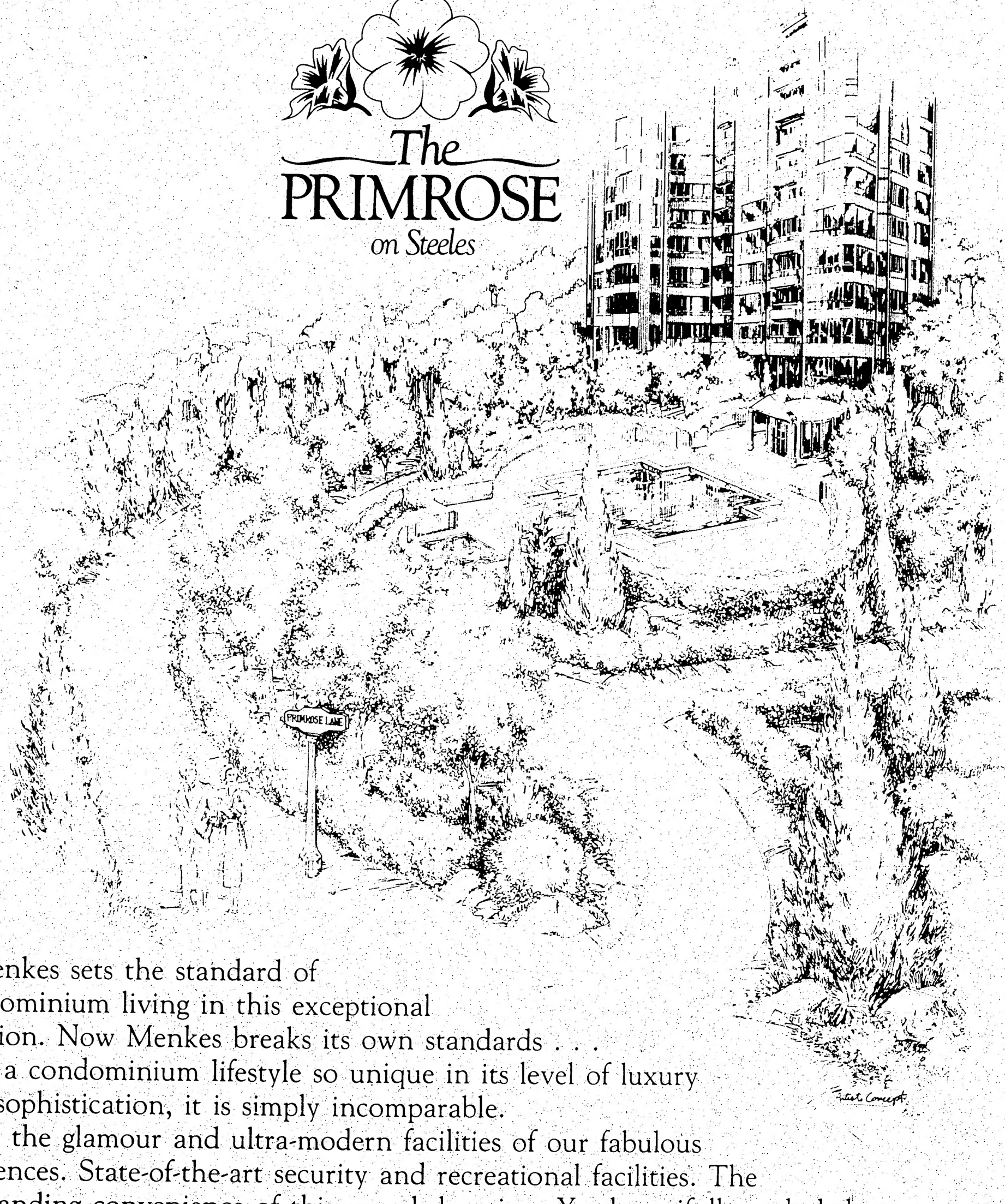

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